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HE'S RIGHT BELOW US! WE'VE FOUND THE HULK!
NO PLACE TO RUN! SO I STAND AND FIGHT!
THE GREEN GARGANTUAN BATTLES THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
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THE INCREDIBLE HULK!™

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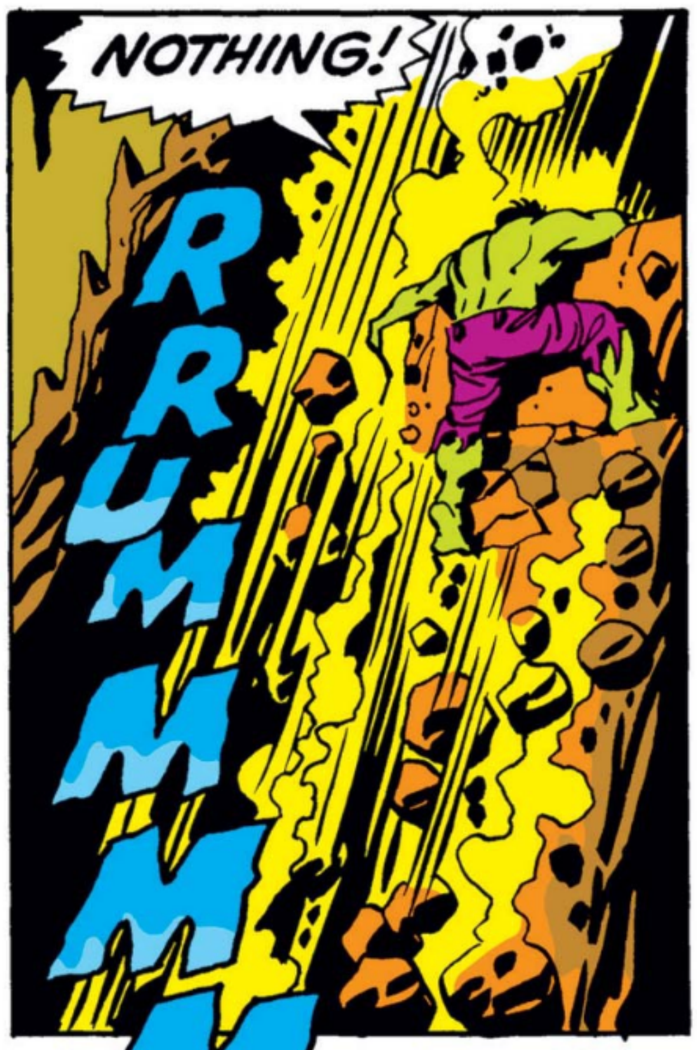
WHAT'S MORE... HULK DOESN'T LIKE IT DOWN HERE ANY MORE!
WROK!
HULK WANTS OUT!!

AND, NOTHING WILL STOP HULK FROM GETTING BACK TO SURFACE!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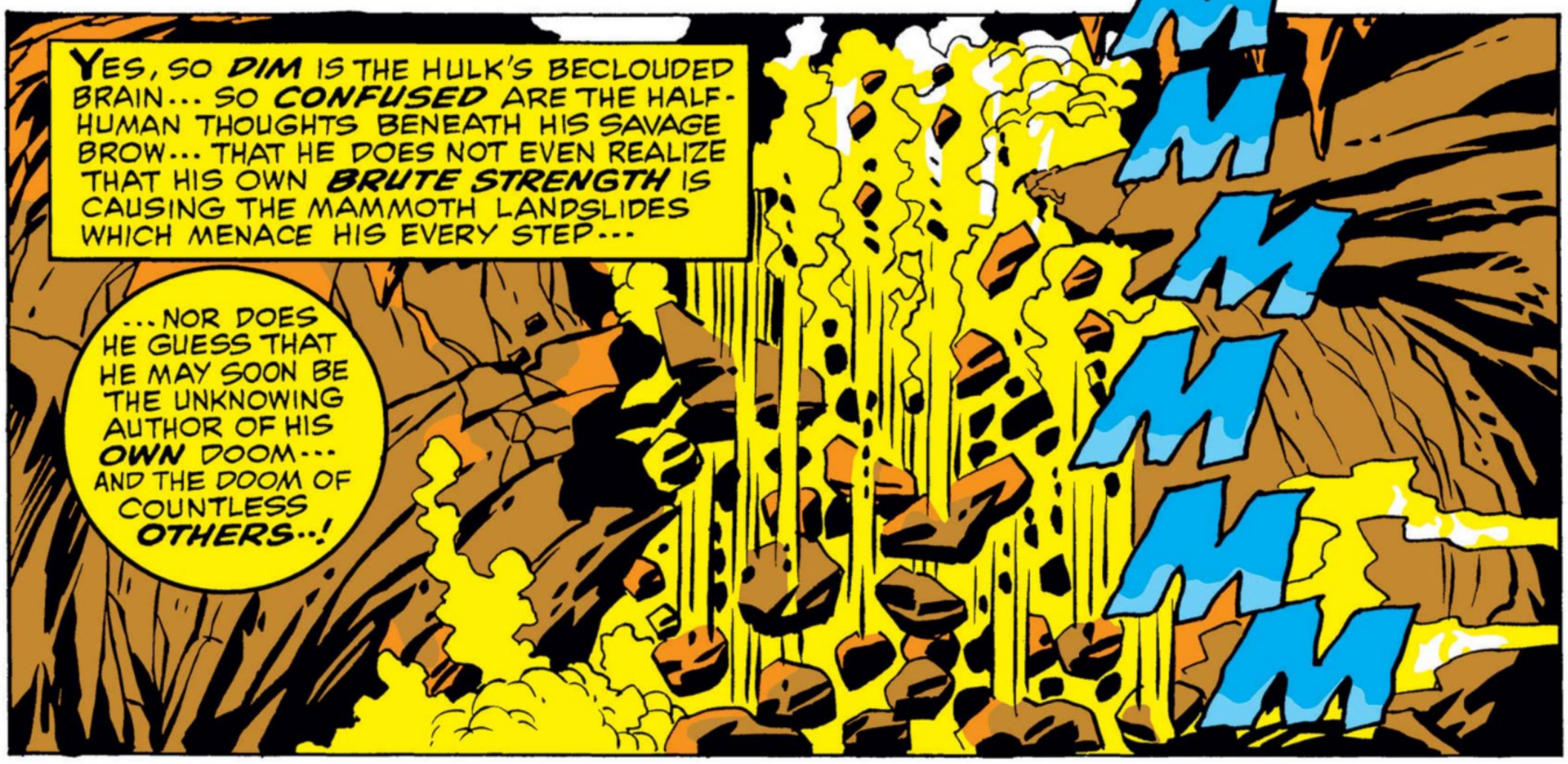

YES, SO DIM IS THE HULK'S BECLOUDED BRAIN... SO CONFUSED ARE THE HALF-HUMAN THOUGHTS BENEATH HIS SAVAGE BROW... THAT HE DOES NOT EVEN REALIZE THAT HIS OWN BRUTE STRENGTH IS CAUSING THE MAMMOTH LANDSLIDES WHICH MENACE HIS EVERY STEP...
...NOR DOES HE GUESS THAT HE MAY SOON BE THE UNKNOWING AUTHOR OF HIS OWN DOOM... AND THE DOOM OF COUNTLESS OTHERS...!

ROCKS FELL FROM UP ABOVE... BUT NO SUNLIGHT COMES THRU!
THEN, HULK HASN'T FOUND THE WAY OUT... NOT YET!
BUT HE WILL FIND THE PATH... BECAUSE HE NEVER GETS TIRED!
AND WHEN HE DOES... HULK WILL SMASH HIS WAY OUT... NO MATTER WHAT!

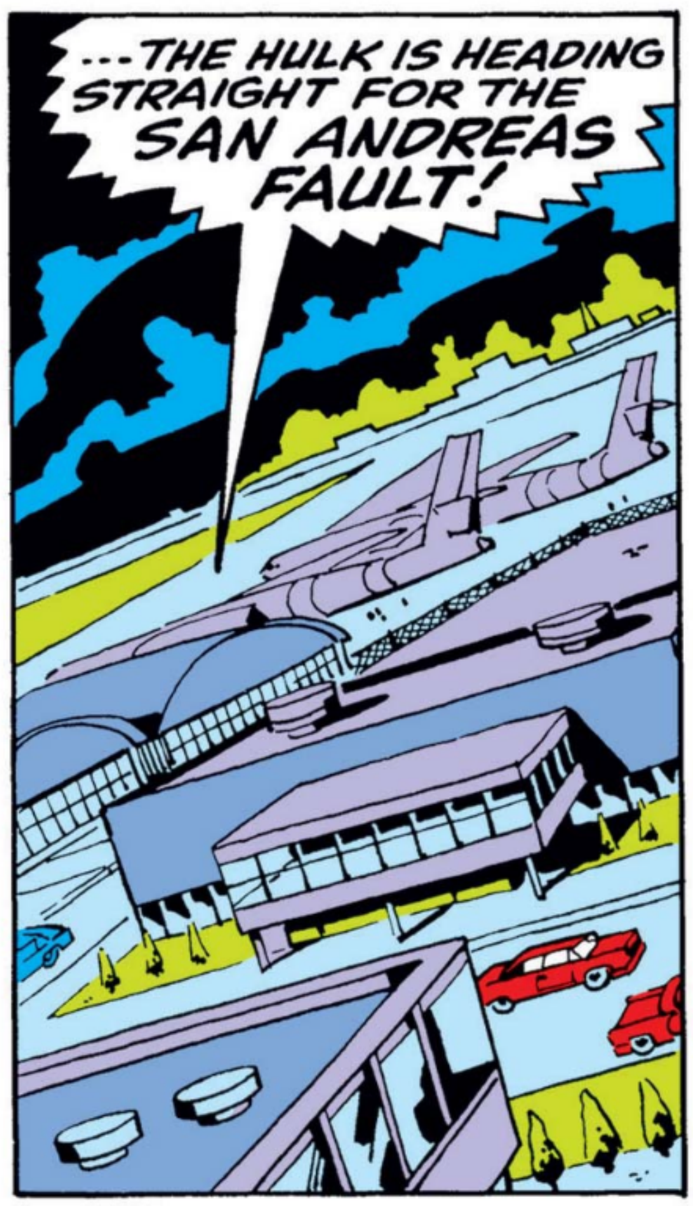
AND, AT THAT PRECISE INSTANT, AT A HEAVILY-GUARDED ***MILITARY BASE*** HUNDREDS OF FEET ***ABOVE***... AND HUNDREDS OF MILES ***AWAY***...

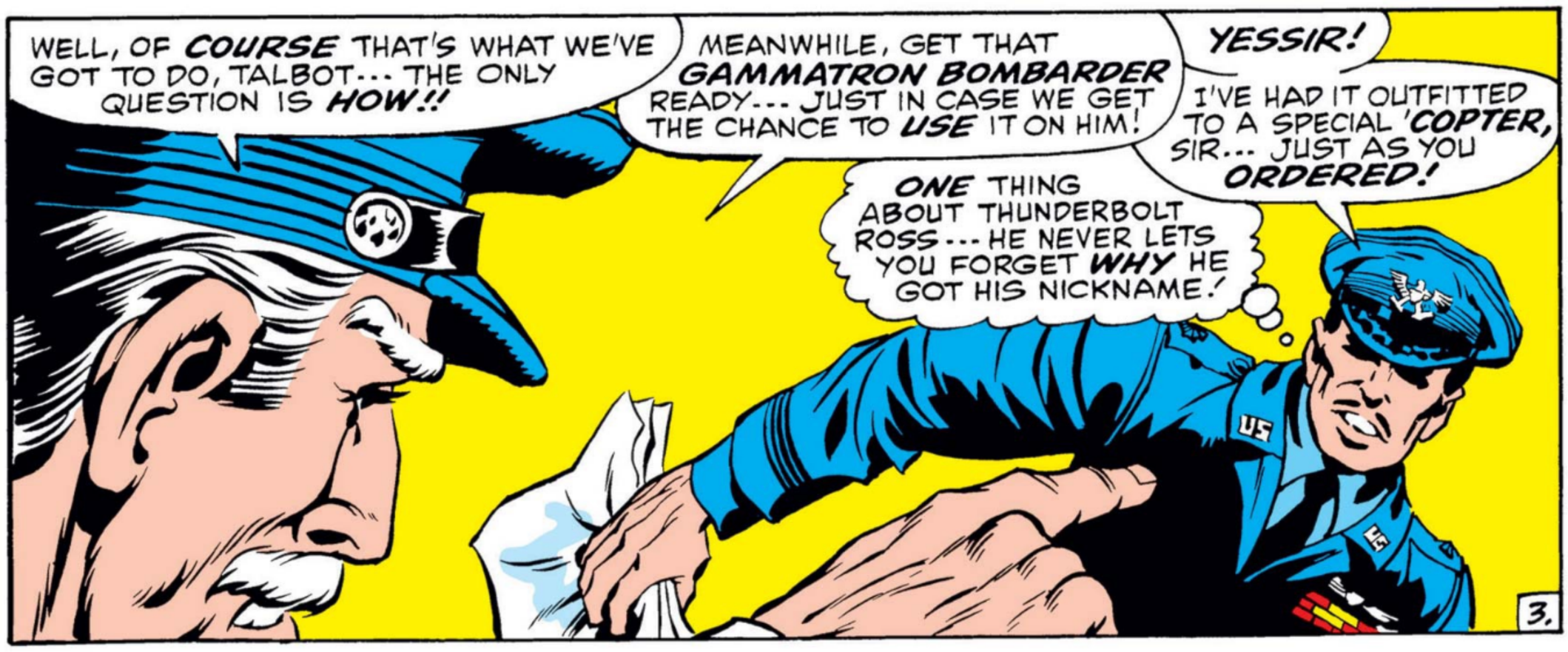
THE ***SEISMO-RECORDER*** LEAVES NO ***DOUBT***, GENERAL ROSS... NOT THE SLIGHTEST ***IOTA!***

THOSE ***VIBRATIONS*** WE'VE BEEN RECORDING CAN ONLY COME FROM ... THE ***HULK!***

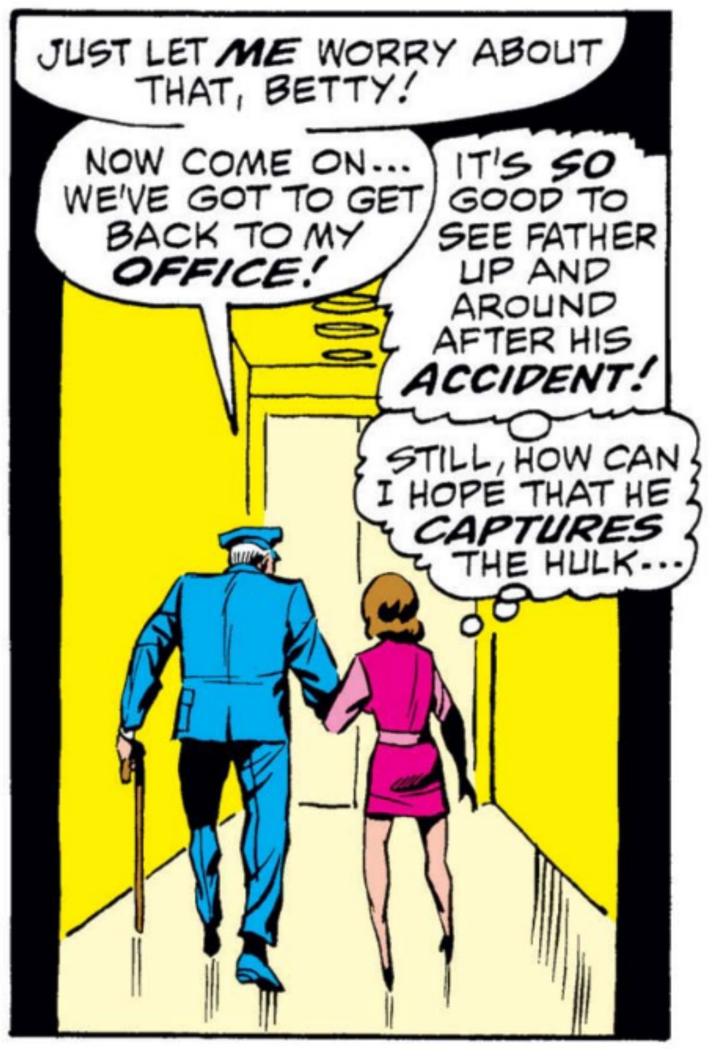
LET ME ***SEE*** THAT REPORT, SOLDIER!

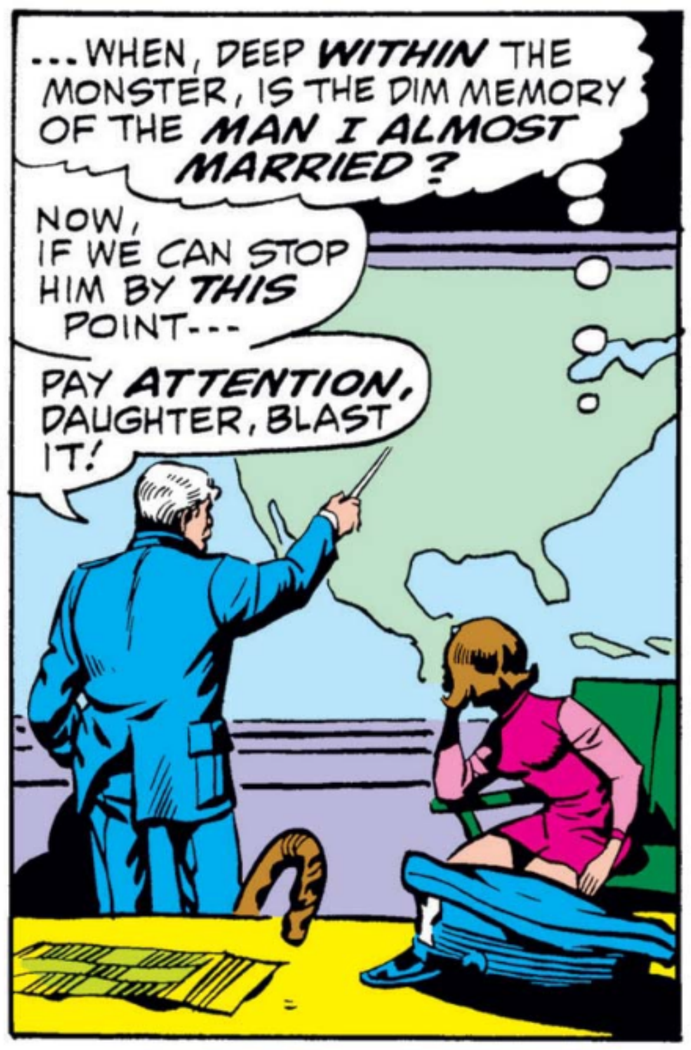
THUNDERATION! IF THIS OVER-SIZED HUNK OF BOLTS IS ***RIGHT***...



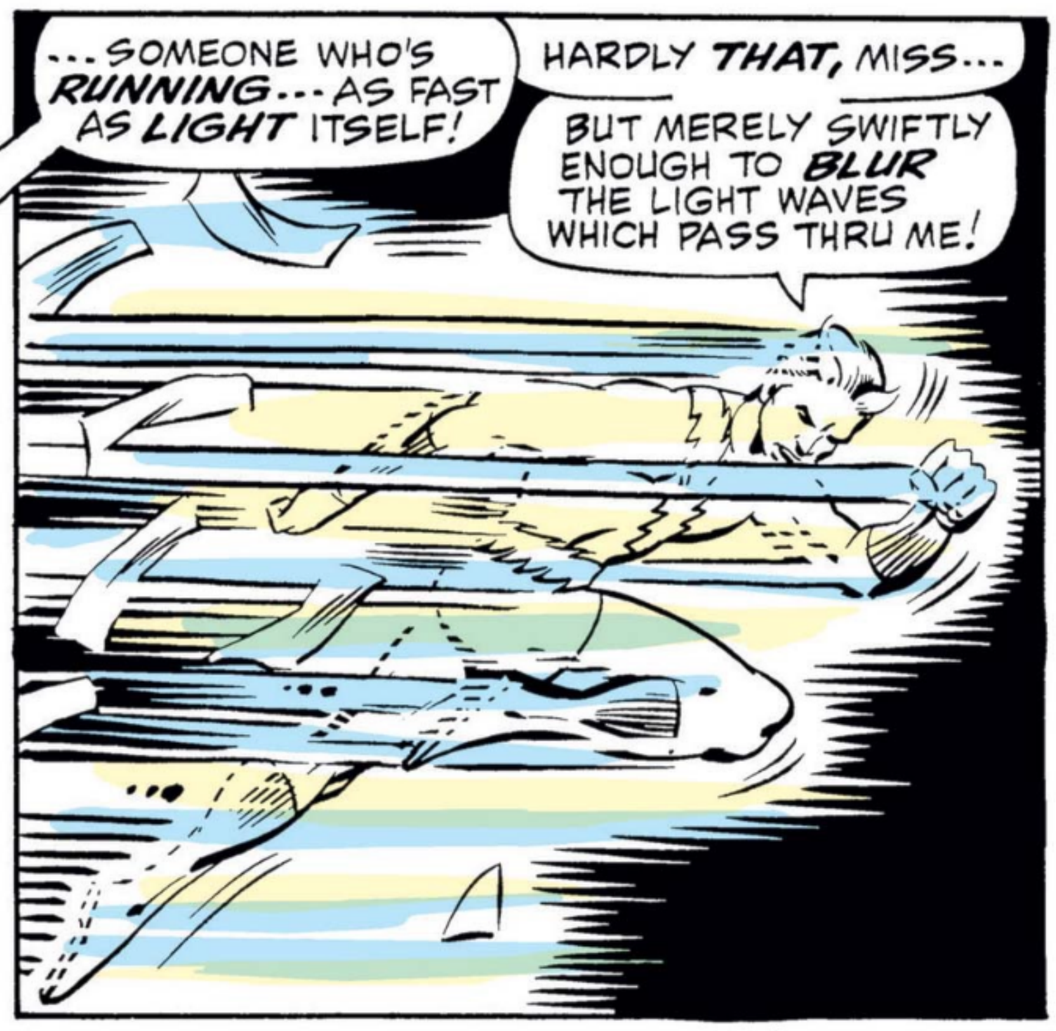


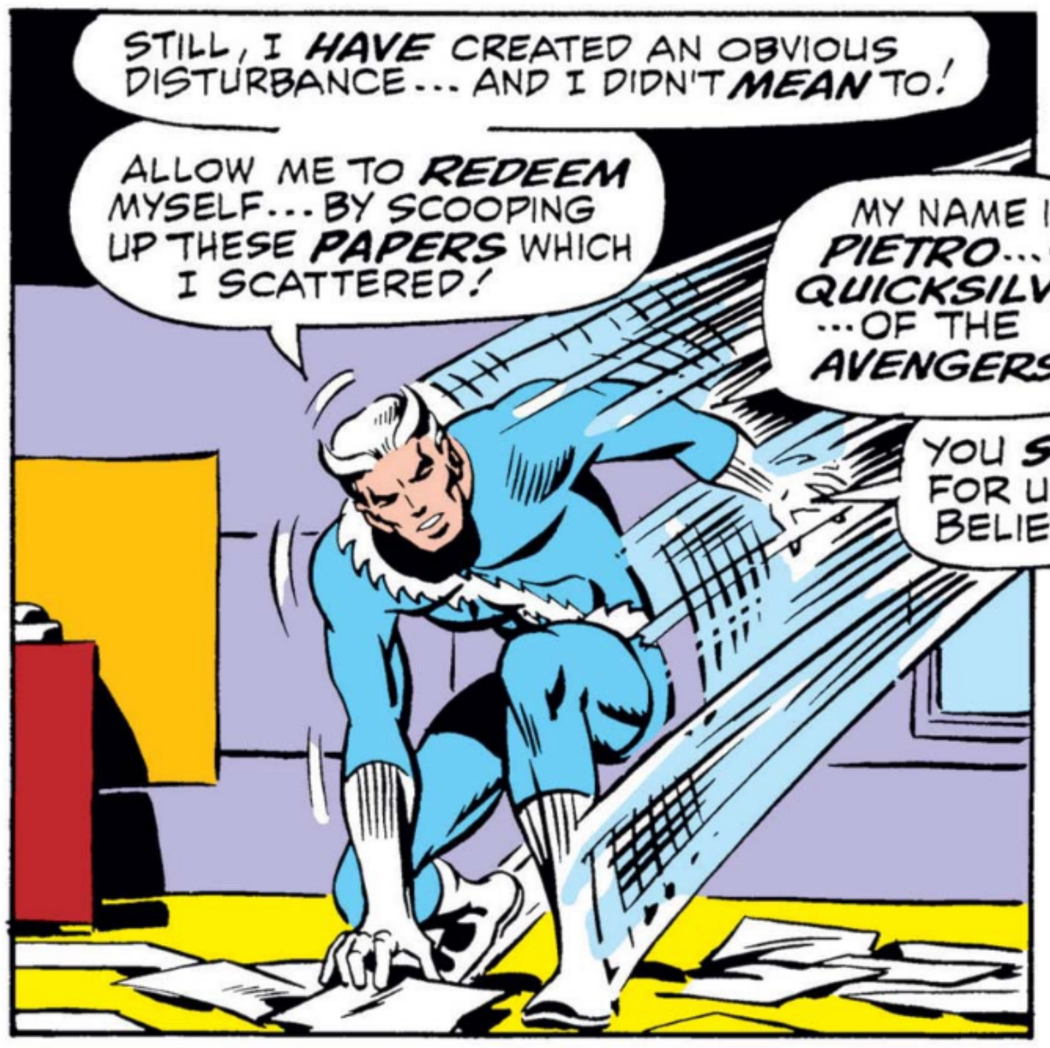
I'VE GOT SOMEONE ON THE WAY HERE WHO MAY JUST BE ABLE TO GET TO THE HULK!
AND THEY'D BETTER... OR A BIG HUNK OF REAL ESTATE'S JUST LIABLE TO SLIDE OFF INTO THE OCEAN!
BUT... WHO, FATHER? WHO COULD REACH THE HULK... WHILE HE'S DEEP INSIDE THE EARTH?


JUST LET ME WORRY ABOUT THAT, BETTY!
NOW COME ON... WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MY OFFICE!
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE FATHER UP AND AROUND AFTER HIS ACCIDENT!
STILL, HOW CAN I HOPE THAT HE CAPTURES THE HULK...

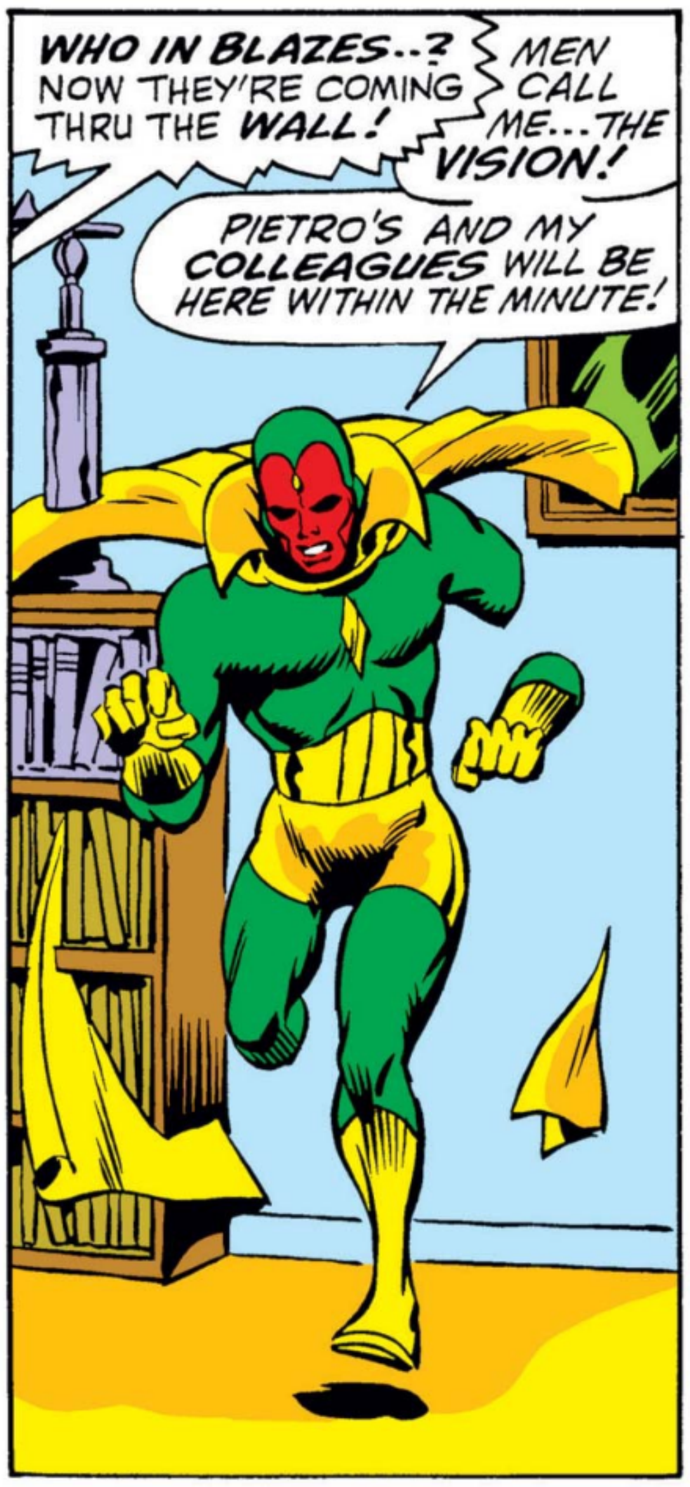

...WHEN, DEEP WITHIN THE MONSTER, IS THE DIM MEMORY OF THE MAN I ALMOST MARRIED?
NOW, IF WE CAN STOP HIM BY THIS POINT...
PAY ATTENTION, DAUGHTER, BLAST IT!

HEY! WHAT IN THE NAME OF GLORY--?
IT'S LIKE SOME BLASTED HURRICANE JUST BLEW UP... RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM!
FATHER! THERE... THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE ROOM WITH US...


...SOMEONE WHO'S RUNNING... AS FAST AS LIGHT ITSELF!
HARDLY THAT, MISS...
BUT MERELY SWIFTLY ENOUGH TO BLUR THE LIGHT WAVES WHICH PASS THRU ME!

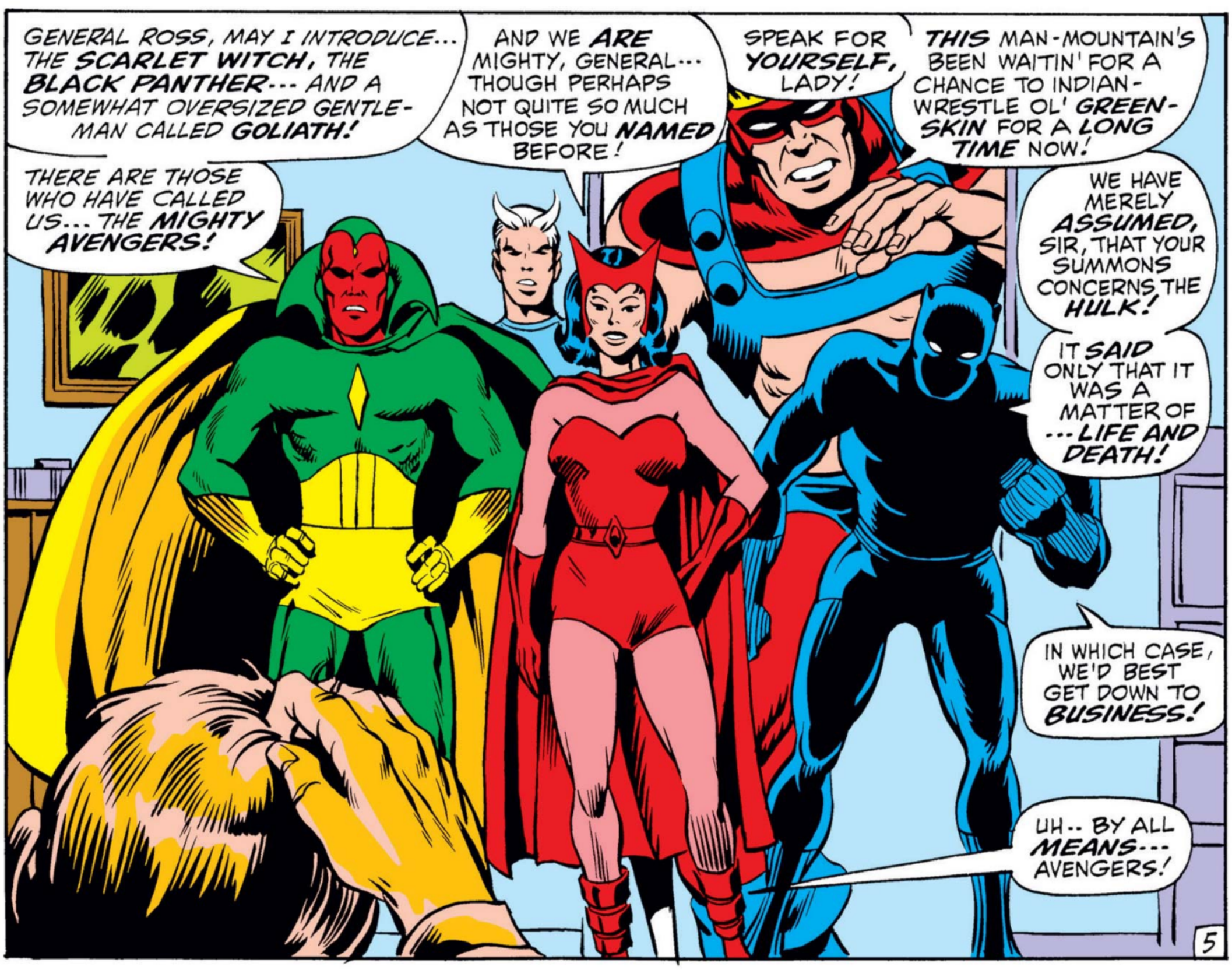

STILL, I HAVE CREATED AN OBVIOUS DISTURBANCE... AND I DIDN'T MEAN TO!
ALLOW ME TO REDEEM MYSELF... BY SCOOPING UP THESE PAPERS WHICH I SCATTERED!
MY NAME IS PIETRO... OR QUICKSILVER ...OF THE AVENGERS!
YOU SENT FOR US, I BELIEVE?

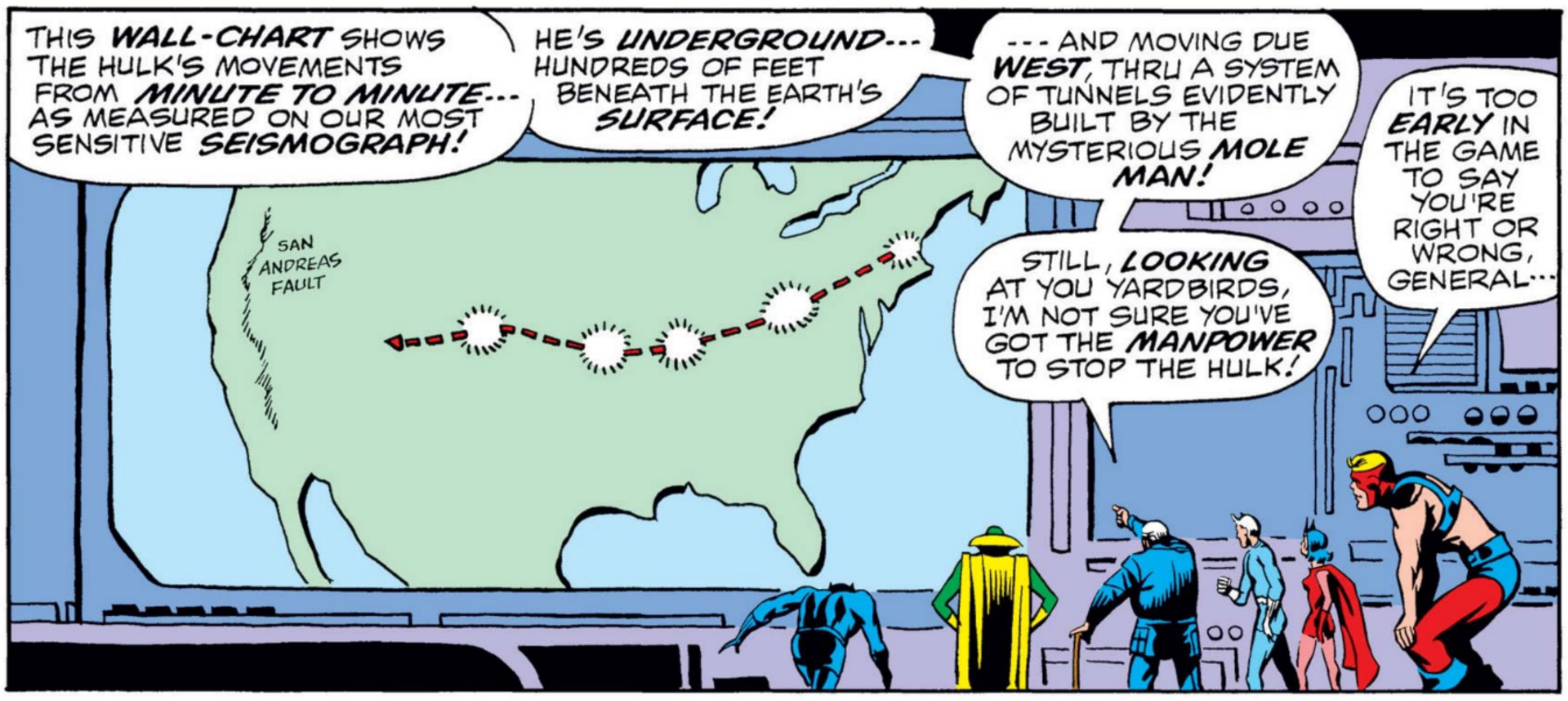
I RADIOED FOR THE AVENGERS, ALL RIGHT... BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT SOME FLASHY PUP LIKE YOU TO SHOW UP!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE A BIT BEHIND THE TIMES, GENERAL...
WHERE'S THOR... OR IRON MAN... OR CAPTAIN AMERICA--?

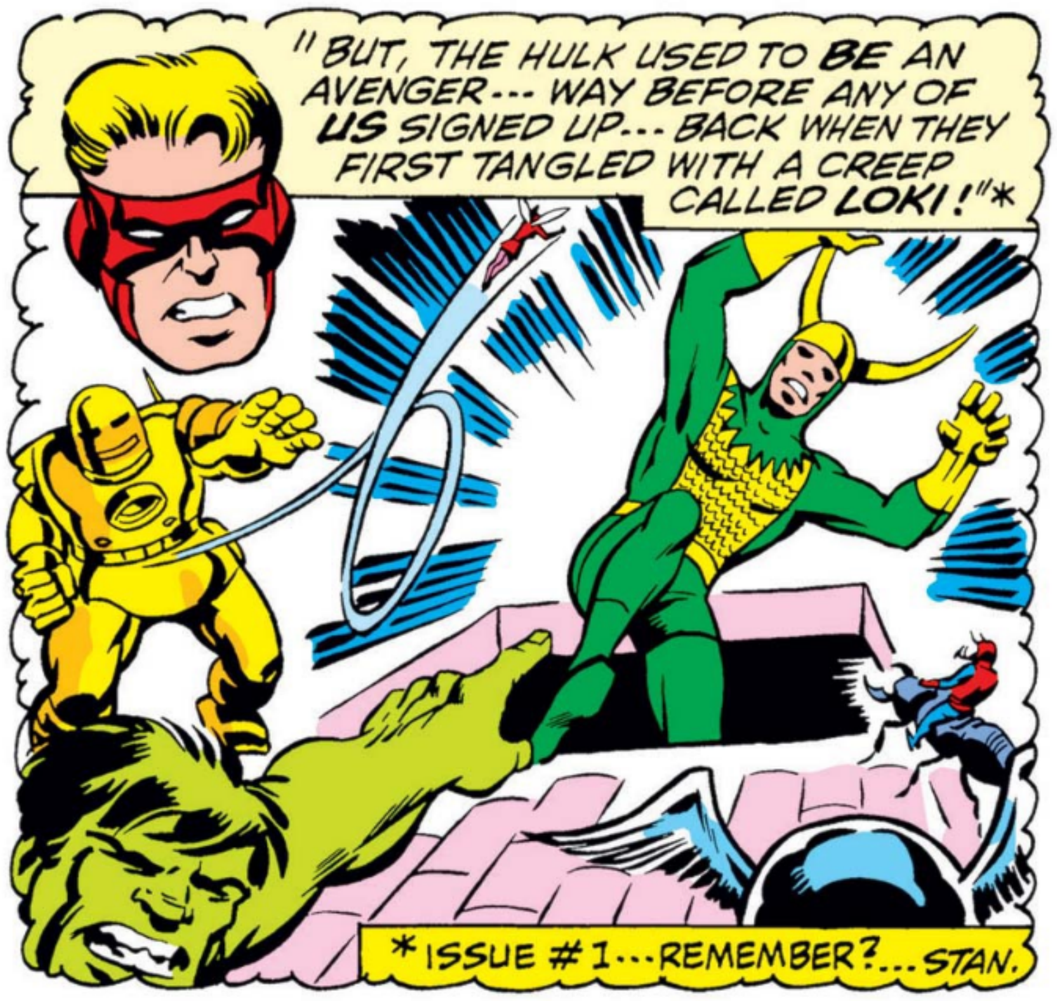

WHO IN BLAZES..? NOW THEY'RE COMING THRU THE WALL!
MEN CALL ME...THE VISION!
PIETRO'S AND MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE HERE WITHIN THE MINUTE!

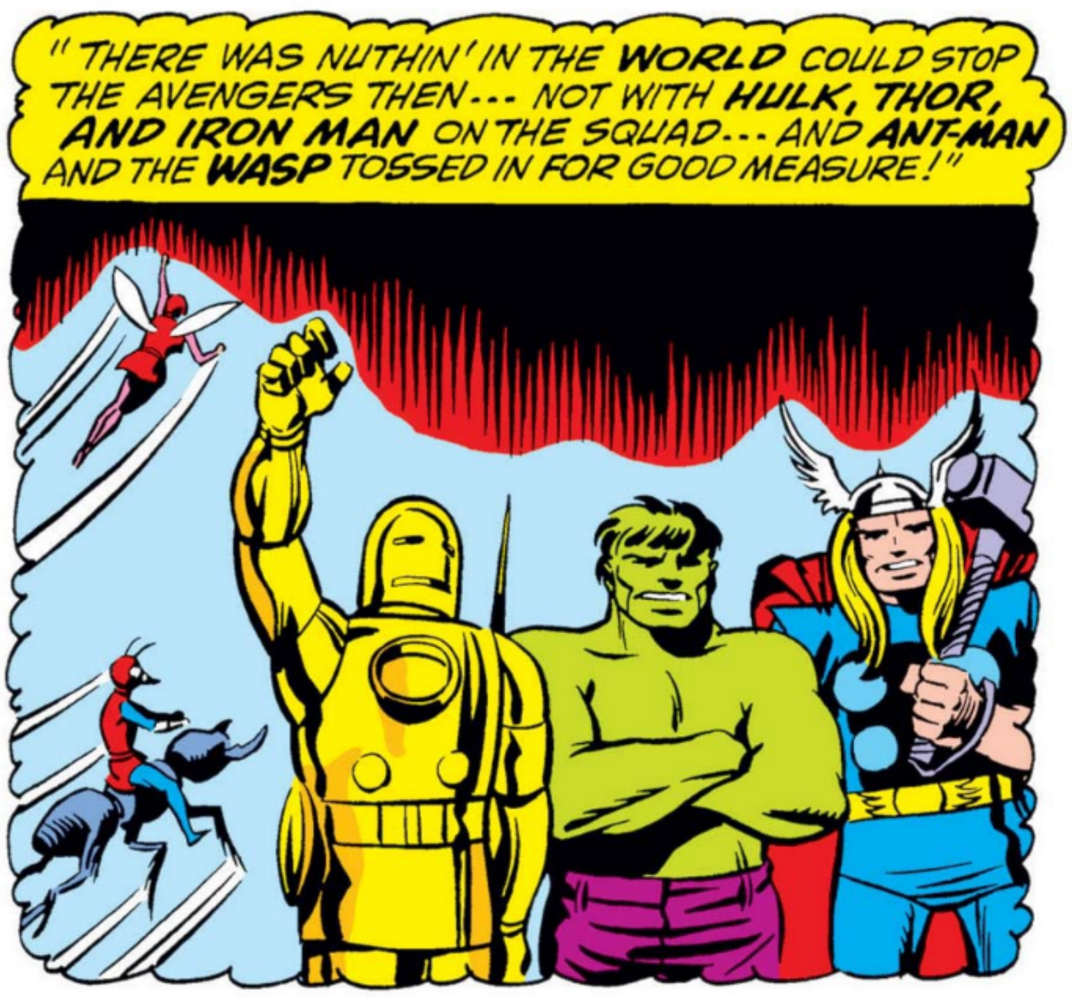
QUICKSILVER? THE VISION? I'VE HEARD VAGUELY OF YOU TWO, OF COURSE!
BUT, WHEN I SENT THAT TOP-PRIORITY MESSAGE, I FIGURED THE AVENGERS WOULD SEND THEIR TOP GUNS!
FATHER.. THESE MEN HAVE COME TO HELP..!

I KNOW, GIRL, I KNOW... BUT BLAST IT, THE FUTURE OF THE WEST COAST IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE!
I THOUGHT AT LEAST THAT LONG-HAIRED THUNDER GOD WOULD SHOW UP... OR...
NOW WHO IN THUNDERATION..??


GENERAL ROSS, MAY I INTRODUCE... THE SCARLET WITCH, THE BLACK PANTHER... AND A SOMEWHAT OVERSIZED GENTLEMAN CALLED GOLIATH!
AND WE ARE MIGHTY, GENERAL... THOUGH PERHAPS NOT QUITE SO MUCH AS THOSE YOU NAMED BEFORE!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, LADY!
THIS MAN-MOUNTAIN'S BEEN WAITIN' FOR A CHANCE TO INDIAN-WRESTLE OL' GREEN-SKIN FOR A LONG TIME NOW!
THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE CALLED US... THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
WE HAVE MERELY ASSUMED, SIR, THAT YOUR SUMMONS CONCERNS THE HULK!
IT SAID ONLY THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF ...LIFE AND DEATH!
IN WHICH CASE, WE'D BEST GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!
UH.. BY ALL MEANS... AVENGERS!

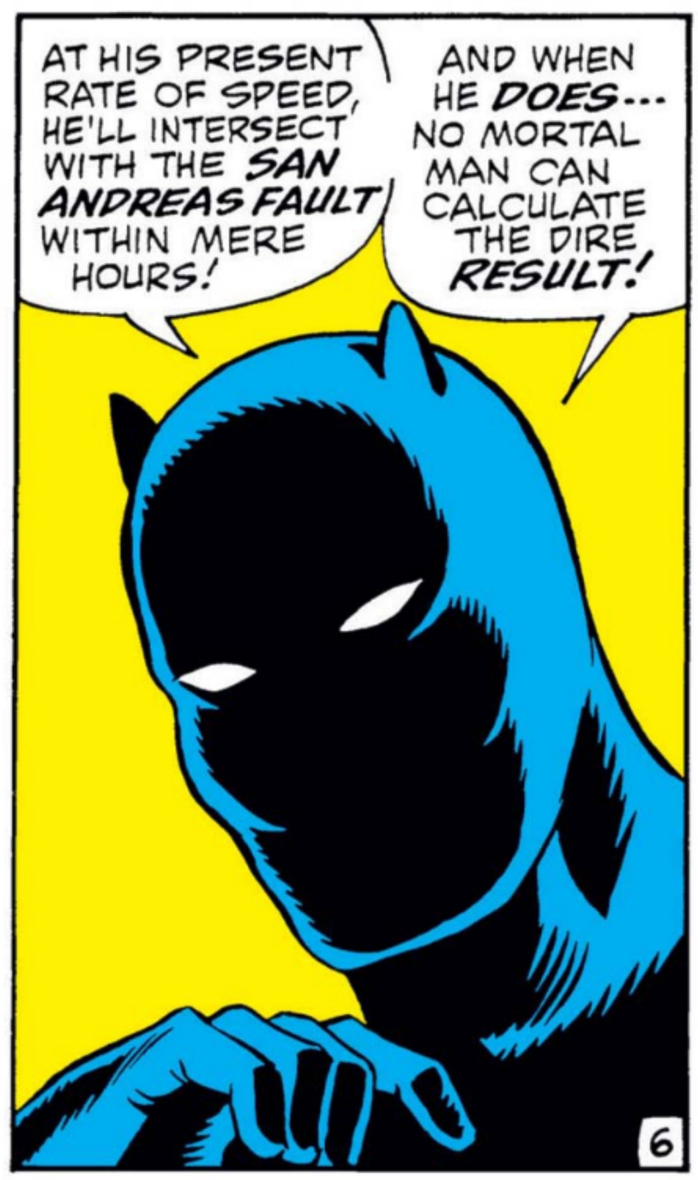

THIS WALL-CHART SHOWS THE HULK'S MOVEMENTS FROM MINUTE TO MINUTE--- AS MEASURED ON OUR MOST SENSITIVE SEISMOGRAPH!
HE'S UNDERGROUND--- HUNDREDS OF FEET BENEATH THE EARTH'S SURFACE!
--- AND MOVING DUE WEST, THRU A SYSTEM OF TUNNELS EVIDENTLY BUILT BY THE MYSTERIOUS MOLE MAN!
IT'S TOO EARLY IN THE GAME TO SAY YOU'RE RIGHT OR WRONG, GENERAL---
STILL, LOOKING AT YOU YARDBIRDS, I'M NOT SURE YOU'VE GOT THE MANPOWER TO STOP THE HULK!
SAN ANDREAS FAULT

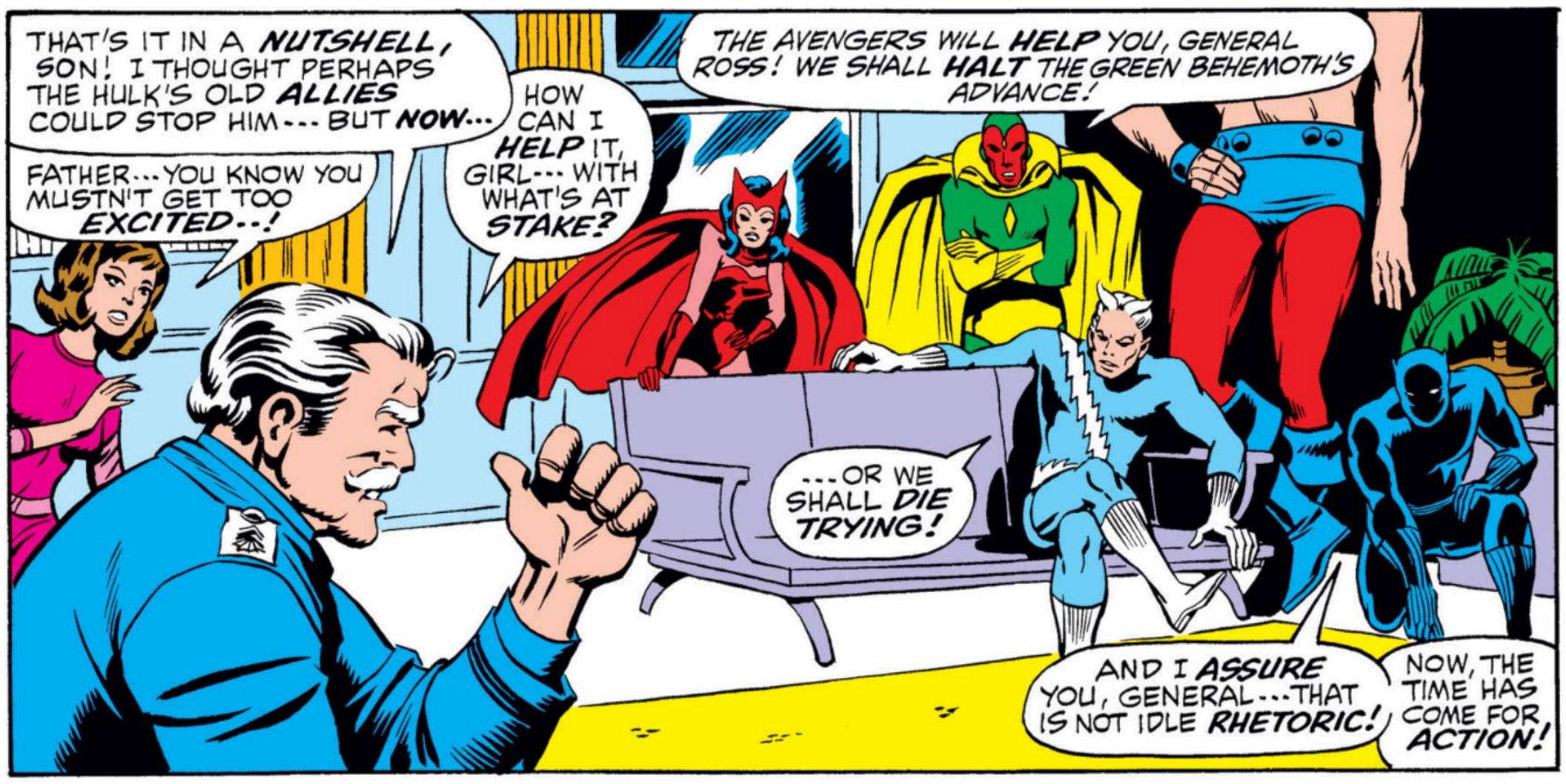

"BUT, THE HULK USED TO BE AN AVENGER--- WAY BEFORE ANY OF US SIGNED UP--- BACK WHEN THEY FIRST TANGLED WITH A CREEP CALLED LOKI!"*
*ISSUE #1---REMEMBER?---STAN.

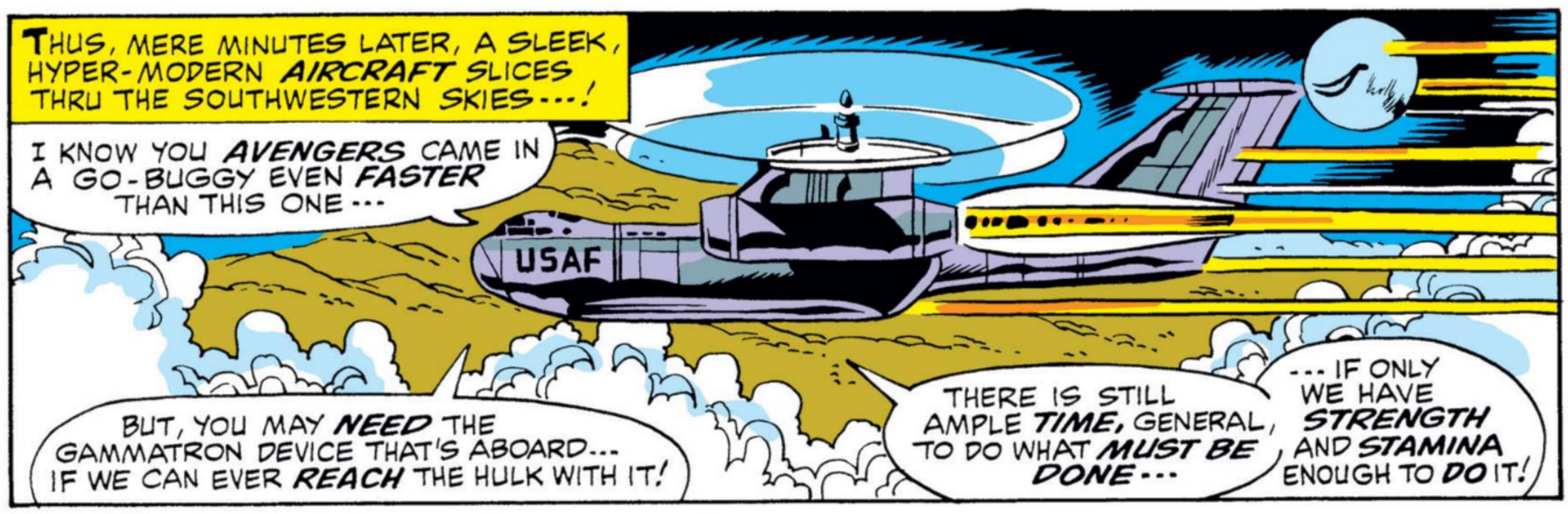

"THERE WAS NUTHIN' IN THE WORLD COULD STOP THE AVENGERS THEN--- NOT WITH HULK, THOR, AND IRON MAN ON THE SQUAD--- AND ANT-MAN AND THE WASP TOSSED IN FOR GOOD MEASURE!"

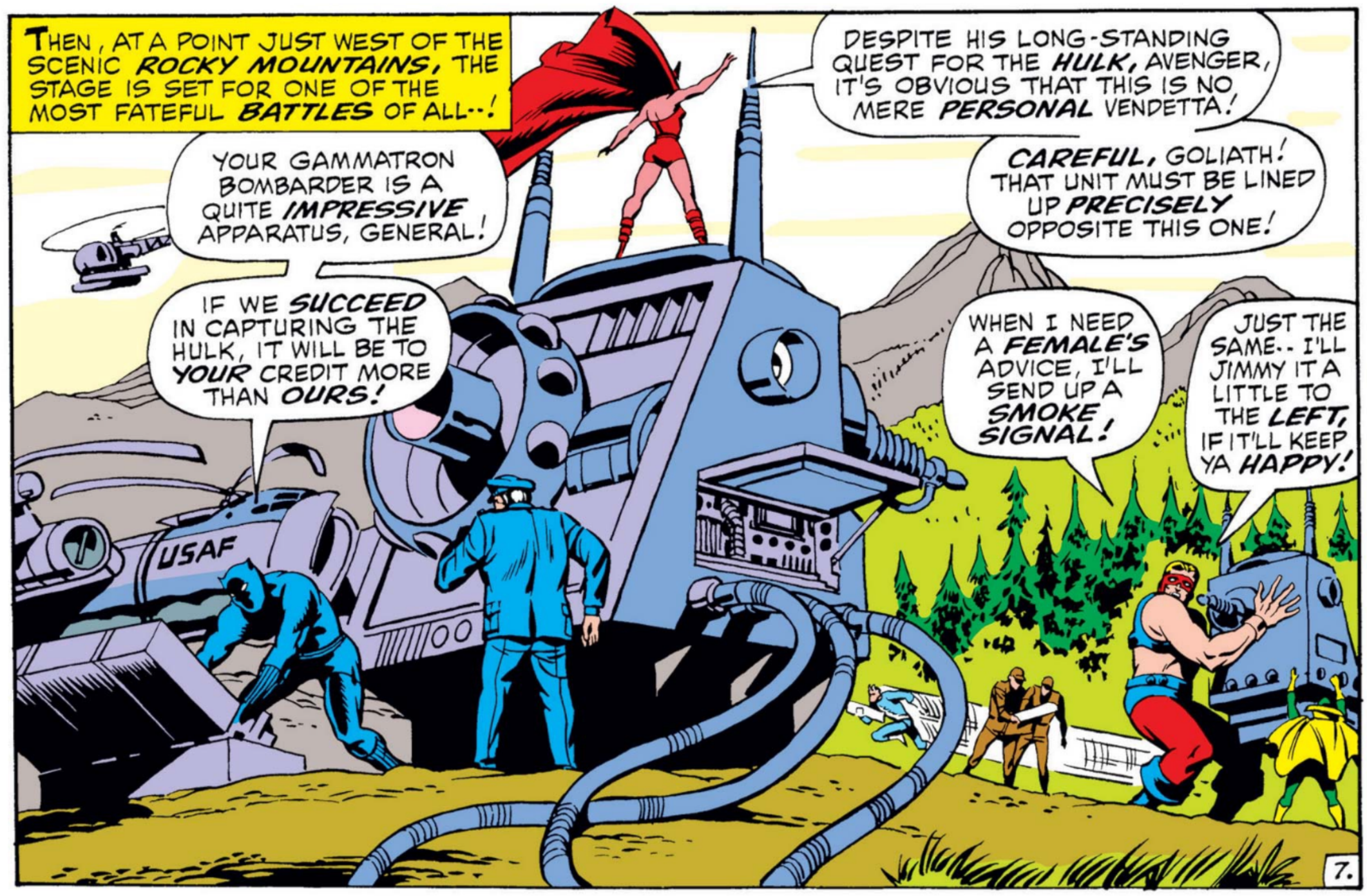
SO, Y'SEE, WE'VE GOT TWO REASONS TO HOGTIE THAT GREEN-SKINNED GALOOT!
FOR HIS OWN SAKE--- AND SO WE CAN MAYBE ADD SOME MORE MUSCLE TO OUR TEAM!
YOU'VE GOT A FAR MORE IMPORTANT REASON THAN EITHER OF THOSE, FELLA!

AN ENTIRE STATE? I FAIL TO SEE WHAT YOU---
WAIT, PIETRO! IT'S ALL CRYSTAL CLEAR NOW!
YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE STATE TO SAVE, BLAST IT!
LOOK AT THE MAP--- AT THE HULK'S RANDOM PATH!

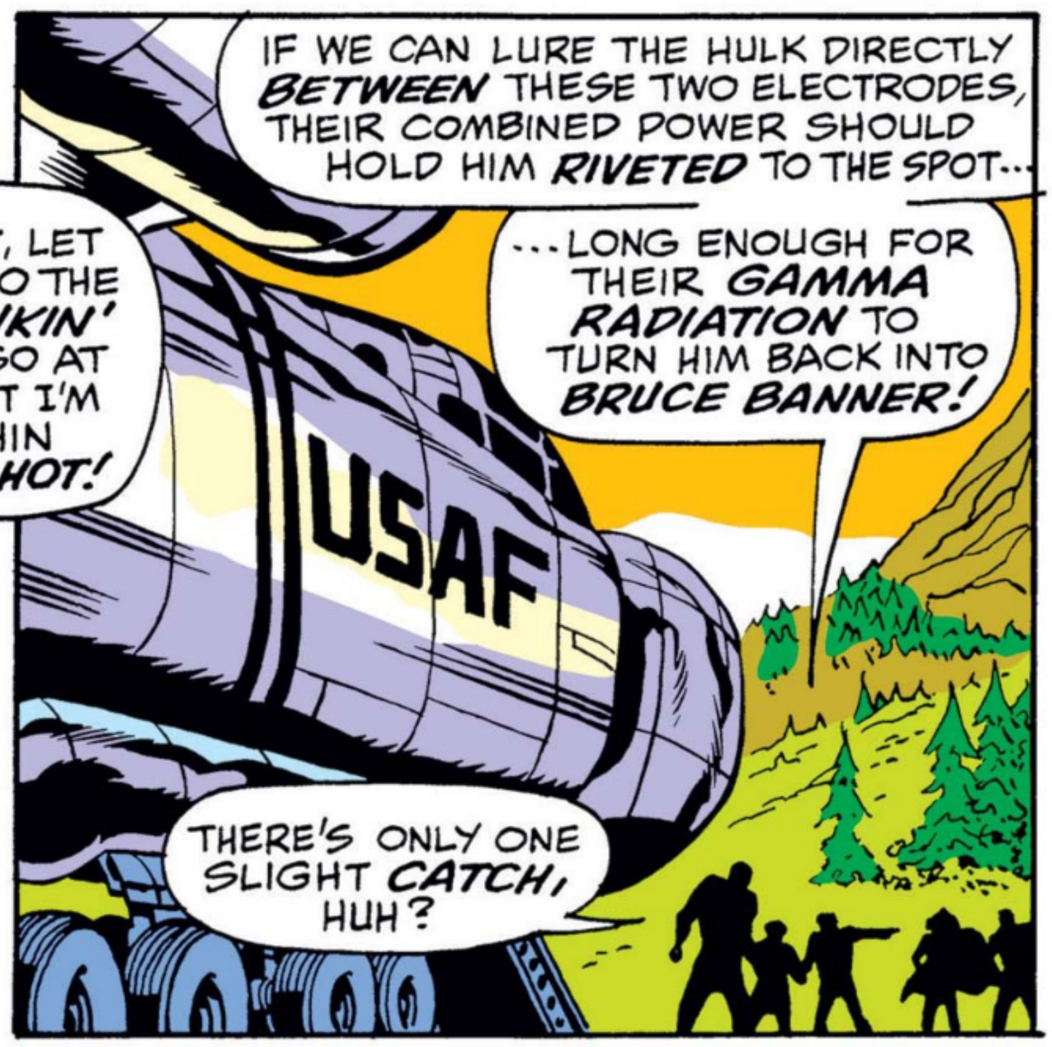

AT HIS PRESENT RATE OF SPEED, HE'LL INTERSECT WITH THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT WITHIN MERE HOURS!
AND WHEN HE DOES--- NO MORTAL MAN CAN CALCULATE THE DIRE RESULT!

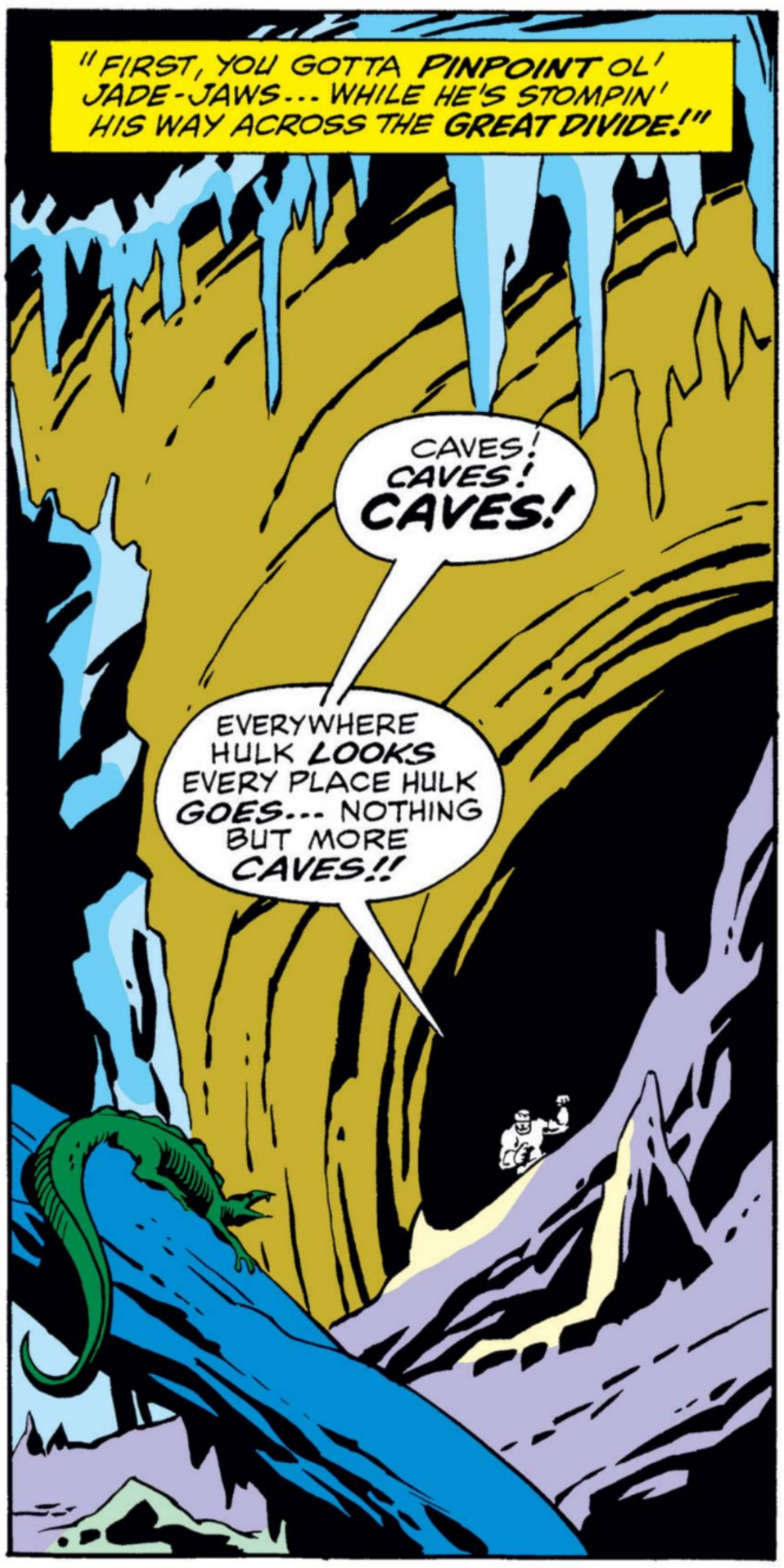

THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL, SON! I THOUGHT PERHAPS THE HULK'S OLD ALLIES COULD STOP HIM--- BUT NOW...
FATHER---YOU KNOW YOU MUSTN'T GET TOO EXCITED--!
HOW CAN I HELP IT, GIRL--- WITH WHAT'S AT STAKE?
THE AVENGERS WILL HELP YOU, GENERAL ROSS! WE SHALL HALT THE GREEN BEHEMOTH'S ADVANCE!
---OR WE SHALL DIE TRYING!
AND I ASSURE YOU, GENERAL---THAT IS NOT IDLE RHETORIC!
NOW, THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION!


THUS, MERE MINUTES LATER, A SLEEK, HYPER-MODERN AIRCRAFT SLICES THRU THE SOUTHWESTERN SKIES---!
I KNOW YOU AVENGERS CAME IN A GO-BUGGY EVEN FASTER THAN THIS ONE---
USAF
BUT, YOU MAY NEED THE GAMMATRON DEVICE THAT'S ABOARD--- IF WE CAN EVER REACH THE HULK WITH IT!
THERE IS STILL AMPLE TIME, GENERAL, TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE---
---IF ONLY WE HAVE STRENGTH AND STAMINA ENOUGH TO DO IT!


THEN, AT A POINT JUST WEST OF THE SCENIC ROCKY MOUNTAINS, THE STAGE IS SET FOR ONE OF THE MOST FATEFUL BATTLES OF ALL--!
DESPITE HIS LONG-STANDING QUEST FOR THE HULK, AVENGER, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS NO MERE PERSONAL VENDETTA!
YOUR GAMMATRON BOMBARDER IS A QUITE IMPRESSIVE APPARATUS, GENERAL!
CAREFUL, GOLIATH! THAT UNIT MUST BE LINED UP PRECISELY OPPOSITE THIS ONE!
IF WE SUCCEED IN CAPTURING THE HULK, IT WILL BE TO YOUR CREDIT MORE THAN OURS!
WHEN I NEED A FEMALE'S ADVICE, I'LL SEND UP A SMOKE SIGNAL!
JUST THE SAME-- I'LL JIMMY IT A LITTLE TO THE LEFT, IF IT'LL KEEP YA HAPPY!
USAF

THAT'S AS GOOD AS IT'S GONNA GET!
YES, SIR!
JUST A SECOND, SOLDIER!
NOW, TELL 'EM ABOUT THAT GAMMATRON GIZMO, TALBOT!
FIRST, LET ME DO THE SHRINKIN' BIT, SO AT LEAST I'M WITHIN EARSHOT!


IF WE CAN LURE THE HULK DIRECTLY BETWEEN THESE TWO ELECTRODES, THEIR COMBINED POWER SHOULD HOLD HIM RIVETED TO THE SPOT...
...LONG ENOUGH FOR THEIR GAMMA RADIATION TO TURN HIM BACK INTO BRUCE BANNER!
USAF
THERE'S ONLY ONE SLIGHT CATCH, HUH?


"FIRST, YOU GOTTA PINPOINT OL' JADE-JAWS... WHILE HE'S STOMPIN' HIS WAY ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE!"
CAVES! CAVES! CAVES!
EVERYWHERE HULK LOOKS EVERY PLACE HULK GOES... NOTHING BUT MORE CAVES!!

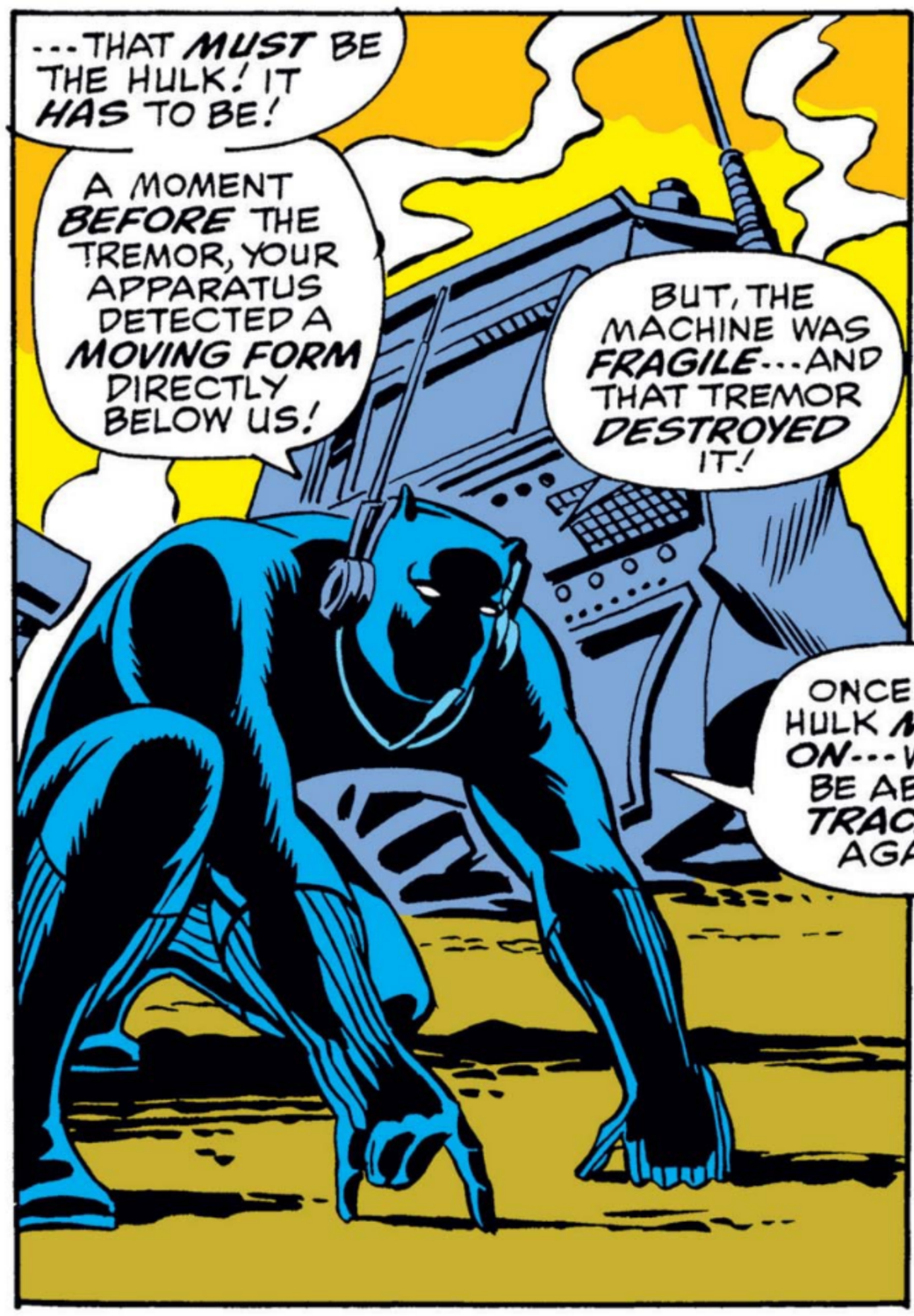
HARD FOR HULK TO REMEMBER... HOW HE EVEN GOT HERE!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER! ALL THAT MATTERS IS...

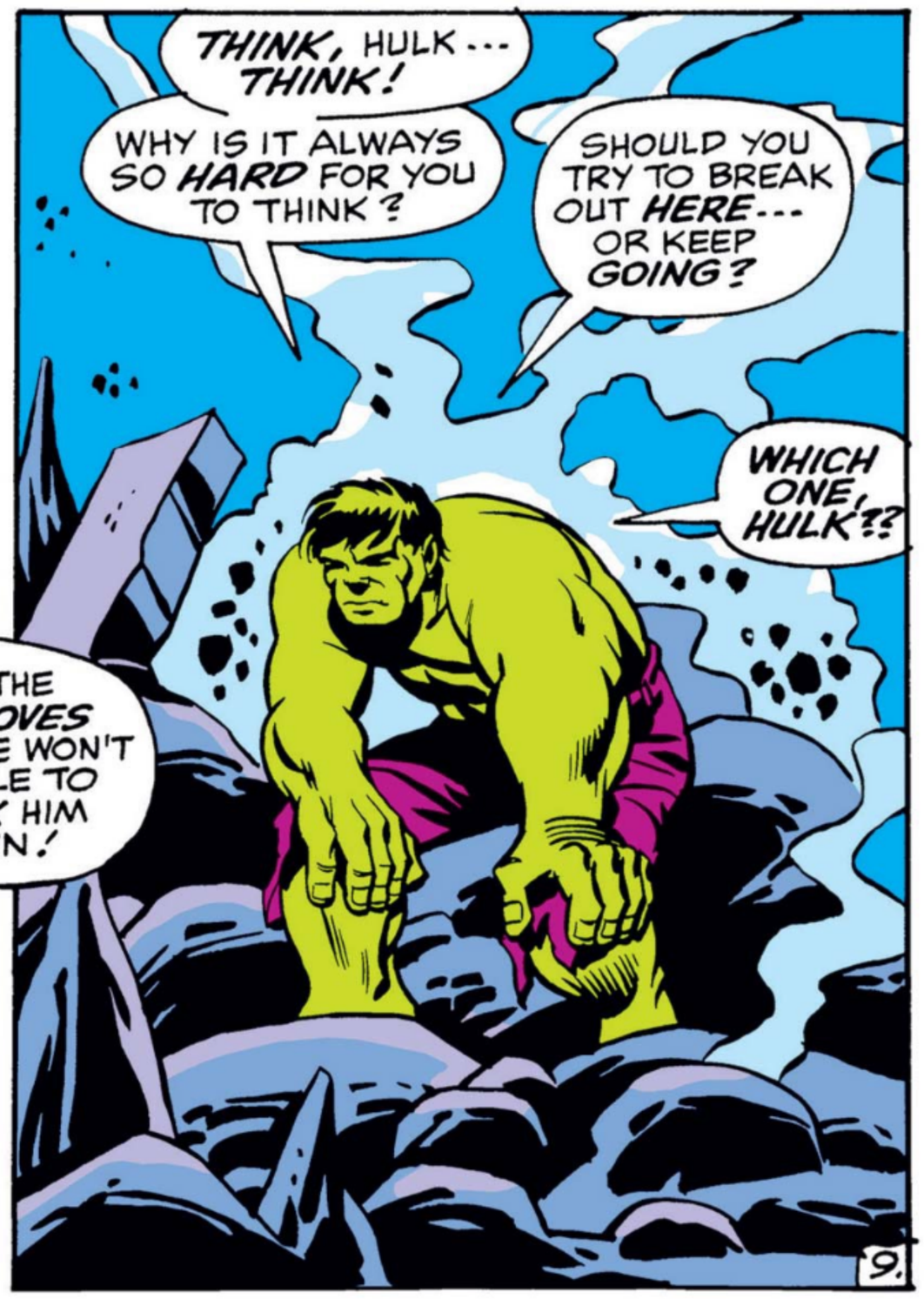
NOTHING WILL STOP THE HULK FROM GETTING OUT OF HERE...

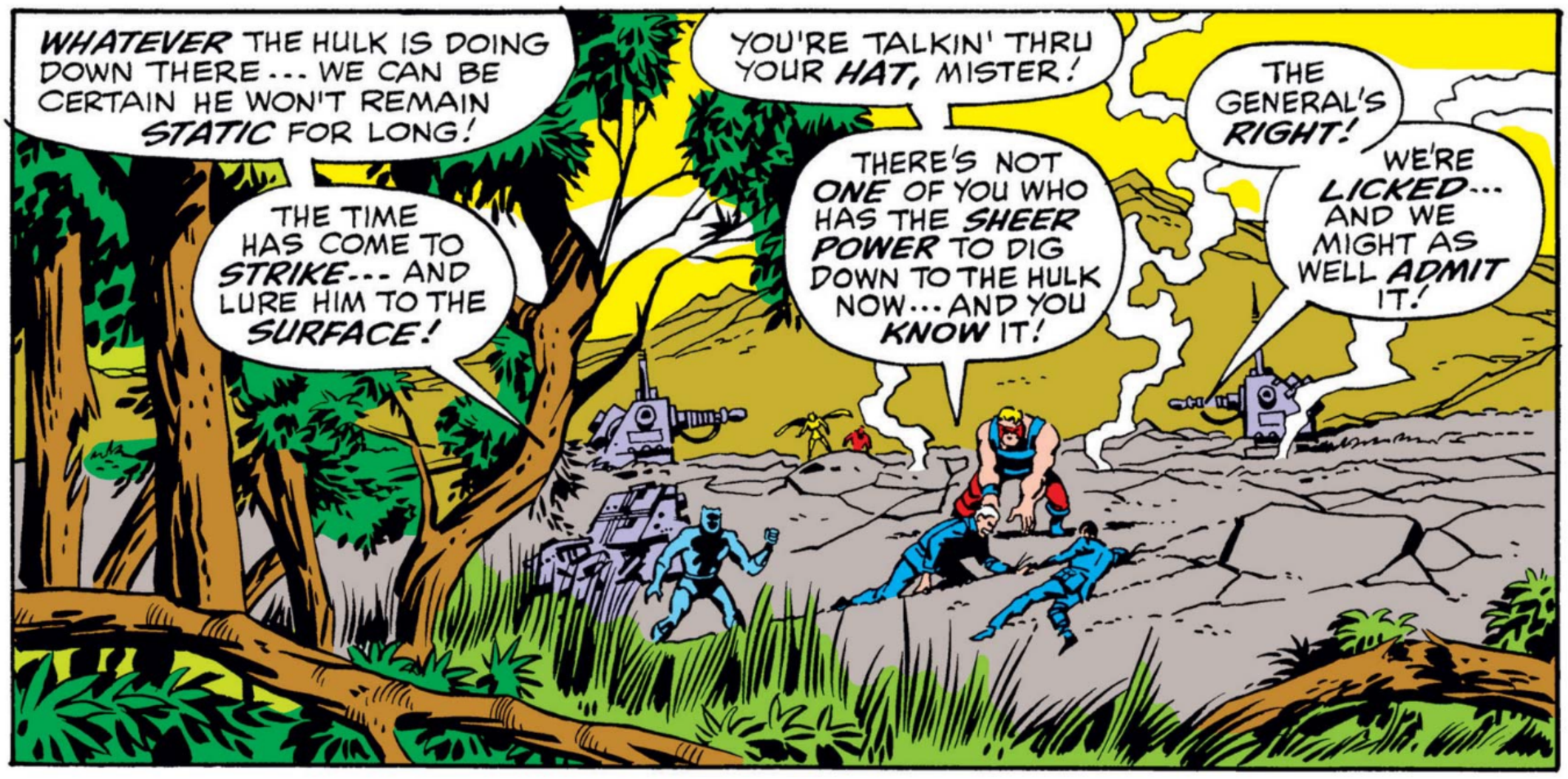
NOTHING!!
FROO

WHAT IN BLAZES? THE GROUND'S SHAKING... LIKE THE QUAKE'S ALREADY BEGUN!
WE-- WE DIDN'T HAVE TO FIND THE HULK--!
NO! HE--- FOUND US!
OOOOOMM

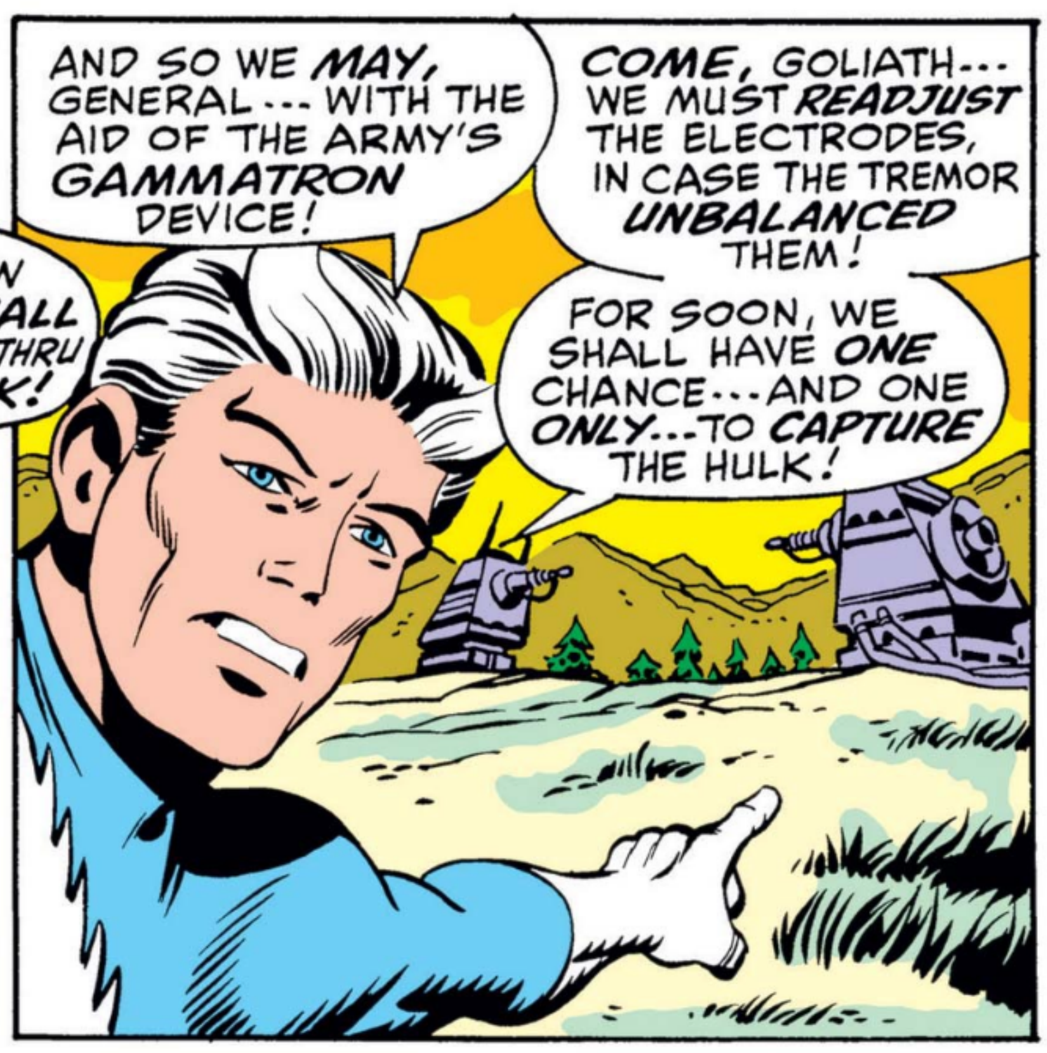
ROCKS FALLING ALL AROUND HULK...BUT THEY CAN'T HURT HIM!
NOTHING CAN HURT THE HULK!
HE'LL KEEP SMASHING ...KEEP HITTING-- TILL HE IS FREE!
MMM

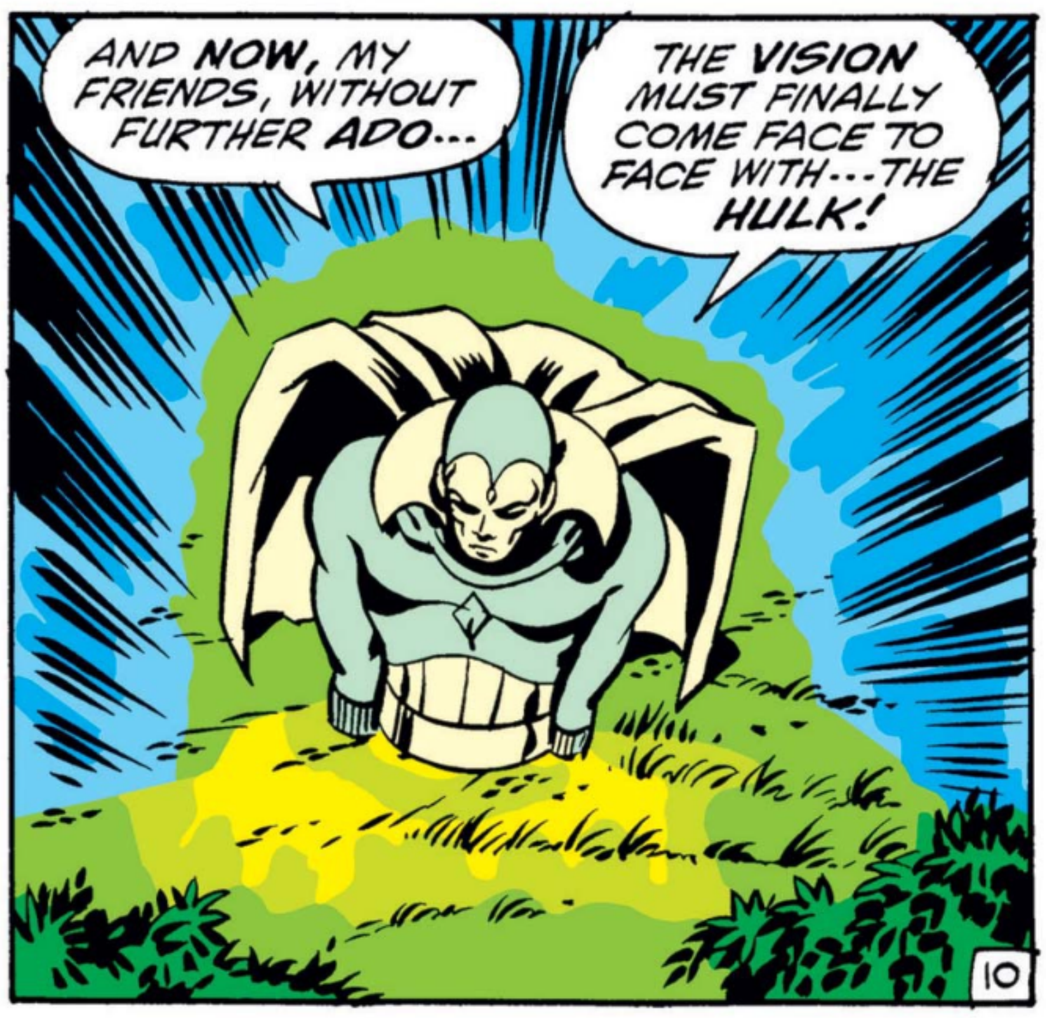

...THAT MUST BE THE HULK! IT HAS TO BE!
A MOMENT BEFORE THE TREMOR, YOUR APPARATUS DETECTED A MOVING FORM DIRECTLY BELOW US!
BUT, THE MACHINE WAS FRAGILE...AND THAT TREMOR DESTROYED IT!
ONCE THE HULK MOVES ON---WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM AGAIN!

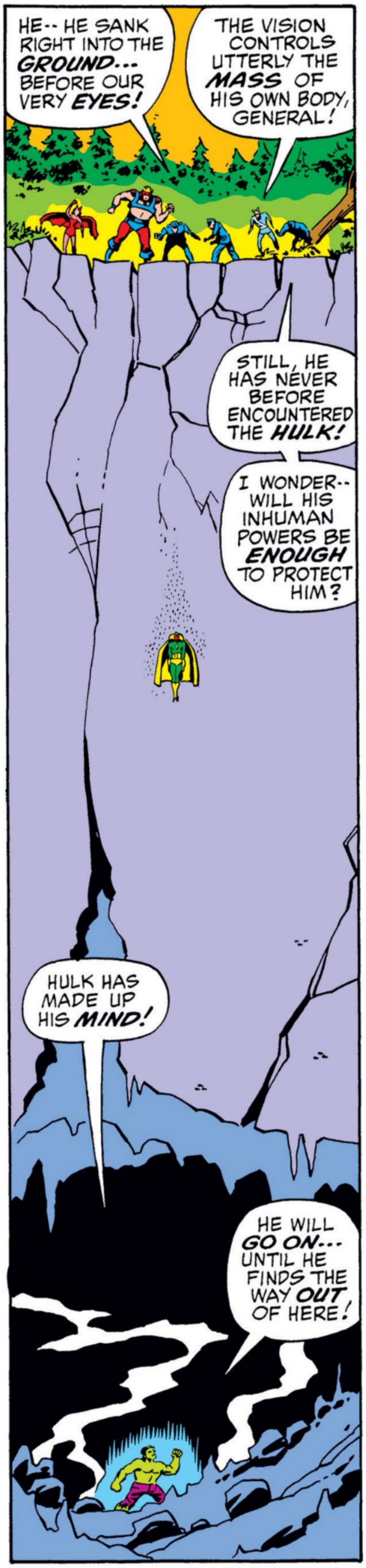

THINK, HULK... THINK!
WHY IS IT ALWAYS SO HARD FOR YOU TO THINK?
SHOULD YOU TRY TO BREAK OUT HERE--- OR KEEP GOING?
WHICH ONE, HULK??

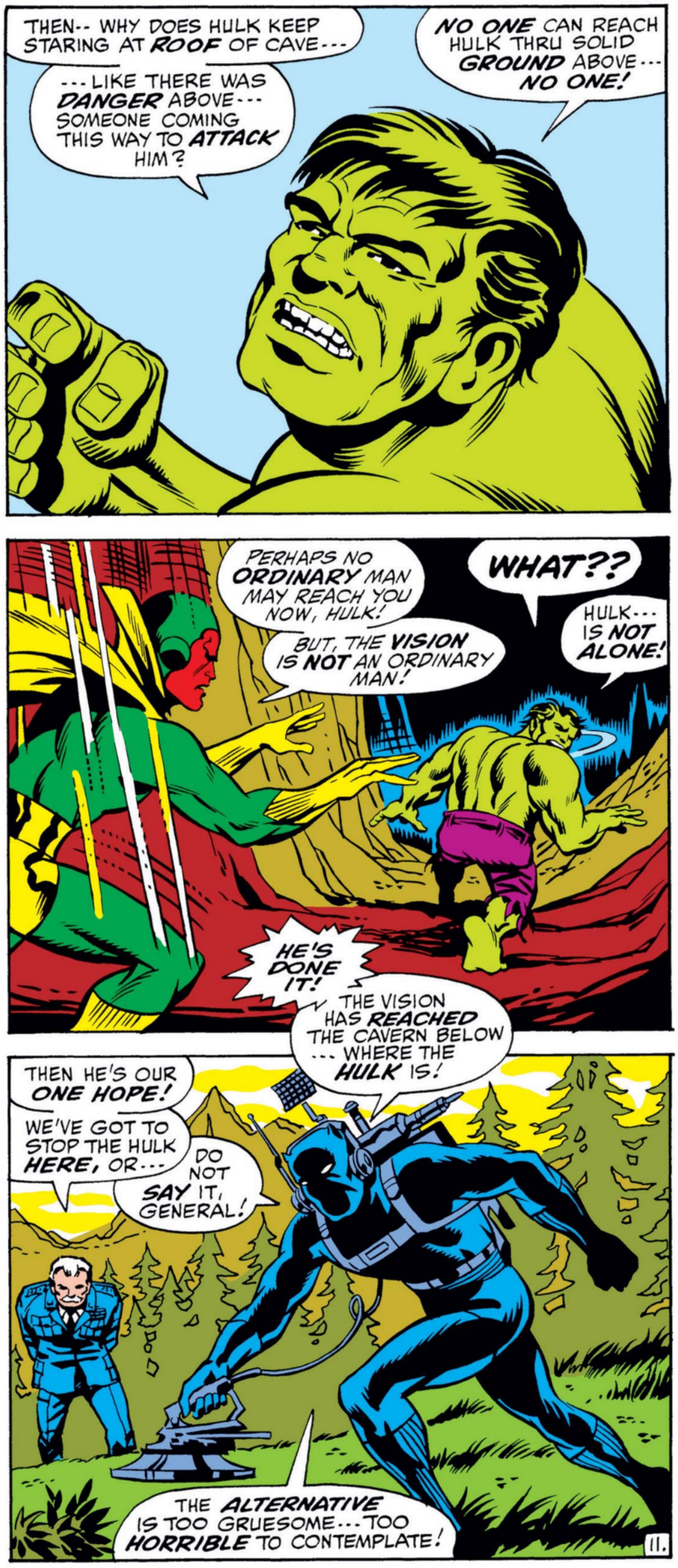

WHATEVER THE HULK IS DOING DOWN THERE... WE CAN BE CERTAIN HE WON'T REMAIN STATIC FOR LONG!
THE TIME HAS COME TO STRIKE... AND LURE HIM TO THE SURFACE!
YOU'RE TALKIN' THRU YOUR HAT, MISTER!
THERE'S NOT ONE OF YOU WHO HAS THE SHEER POWER TO DIG DOWN TO THE HULK NOW... AND YOU KNOW IT!
THE GENERAL'S RIGHT!
WE'RE LICKED... AND WE MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT IT!

YOU SPEAK THUS, GENTLEMEN, ONLY BECAUSE YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND MY ANDROID POWERS!
MY WALKING THRU WALLS MAY HAVE SEEMED A BIT THEATRICAL TO YOU...
BUT HE WHO CAN PASS THRU A WALL CAN ALSO PASS THRU ... SOLID ROCK!
OF COURSE! I'VE BEEN A BLASTED FOOL!
ALL RIGHT, AVENGERS... FROM HERE ON, IT'S YOUR SHOW!
YOU CALL THE SHOTS!


AND SO WE MAY, GENERAL... WITH THE AID OF THE ARMY'S GAMMATRON DEVICE!
COME, GOLIATH... WE MUST READJUST THE ELECTRODES, IN CASE THE TREMOR UNBALANCED THEM!
FOR SOON, WE SHALL HAVE ONE CHANCE... AND ONE ONLY... TO CAPTURE THE HULK!

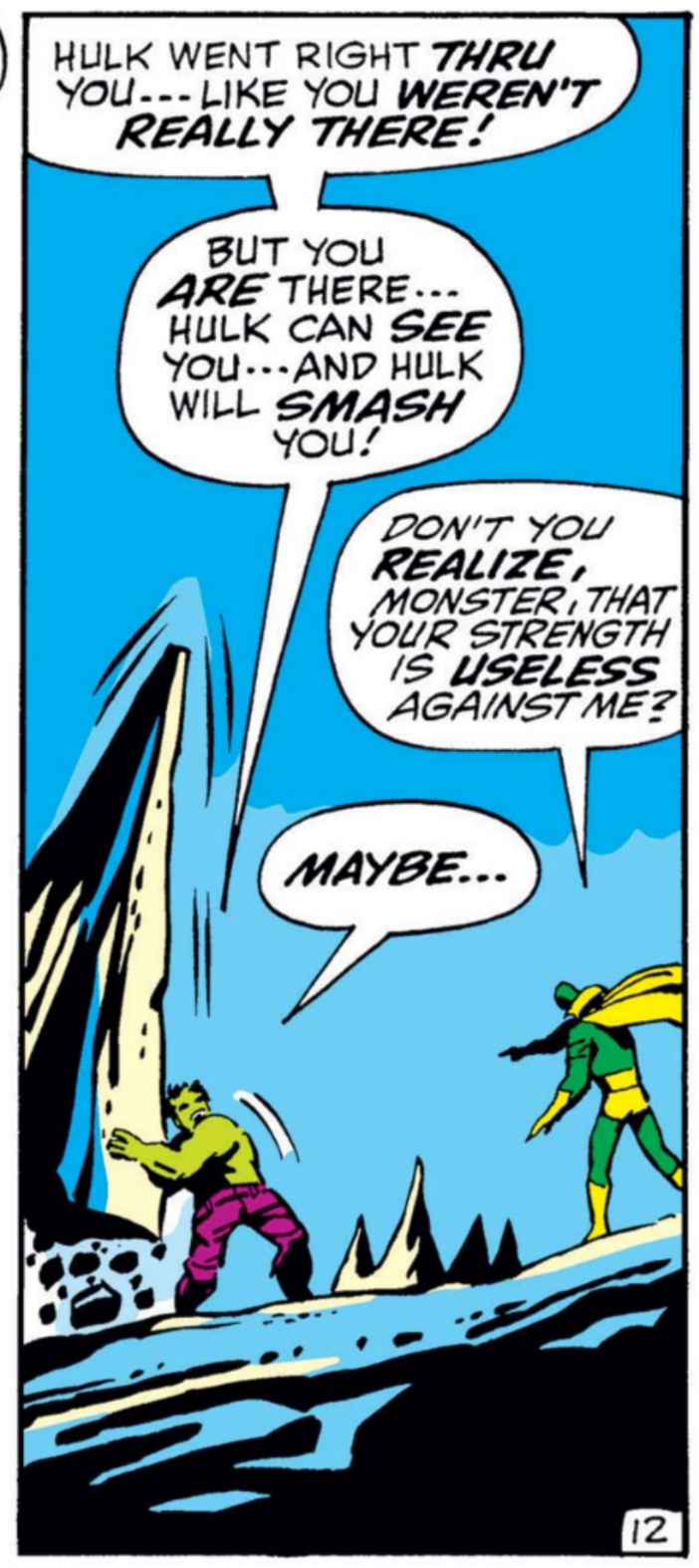

AND NOW, MY FRIENDS, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...
THE VISION MUST FINALLY COME FACE TO FACE WITH... THE HULK!


HE-- HE SANK RIGHT INTO THE GROUND... BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!
THE VISION CONTROLS UTTERLY THE MASS OF HIS OWN BODY, GENERAL!
STILL, HE HAS NEVER BEFORE ENCOUNTERED THE HULK!
I WONDER-- WILL HIS INHUMAN POWERS BE ENOUGH TO PROTECT HIM?
HULK HAS MADE UP HIS MIND!
HE WILL GO ON... UNTIL HE FINDS THE WAY OUT OF HERE!


THEN-- WHY DOES HULK KEEP STARING AT ROOF OF CAVE---
---LIKE THERE WAS DANGER ABOVE--- SOMEONE COMING THIS WAY TO ATTACK HIM?
NO ONE CAN REACH HULK THRU SOLID GROUND ABOVE--- NO ONE!
PERHAPS NO ORDINARY MAN MAY REACH YOU NOW, HULK!
BUT, THE VISION IS NOT AN ORDINARY MAN!
WHAT??
HULK--- IS NOT ALONE!
HE'S DONE IT!
THE VISION HAS REACHED THE CAVERN BELOW --- WHERE THE HULK IS!
THEN HE'S OUR ONE HOPE!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE HULK HERE, OR---
DO NOT SAY IT, GENERAL!
THE ALTERNATIVE IS TOO GRUESOME---TOO HORRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE!
11.

WHILE, IN THE DARK CANYONS BELOW, ILLUMINED ONLY BY ARTIFICIALLY-PLACED STRIPS OF DIM PHOSPHORUS... A BATTLE ROYAL BEGINS...!
YOU ARE ENEMY... TRIED TO SNEAK UP ON HULK!
BUT HULK WILL BEAT YOU... HULK CAN BEAT ANYONE!
PERHAPS ANYONE YOU CAN TOUCH, FOOL...

BUT, HAVE YOU EVER BEFORE FOUGHT... A GHOST?
HAVE YOUR MIGHTY ARMS EVER CLOSED ABOUT A PHANTOM... OR SOUGHT TO GET A DEATH-GRIP ON A WRAITH?
HUH??


HULK WENT RIGHT THRU YOU... LIKE YOU WEREN'T REALLY THERE!
BUT YOU ARE THERE... HULK CAN SEE YOU... AND HULK WILL SMASH YOU!
DON'T YOU REALIZE, MONSTER, THAT YOUR STRENGTH IS USELESS AGAINST ME?
MAYBE...
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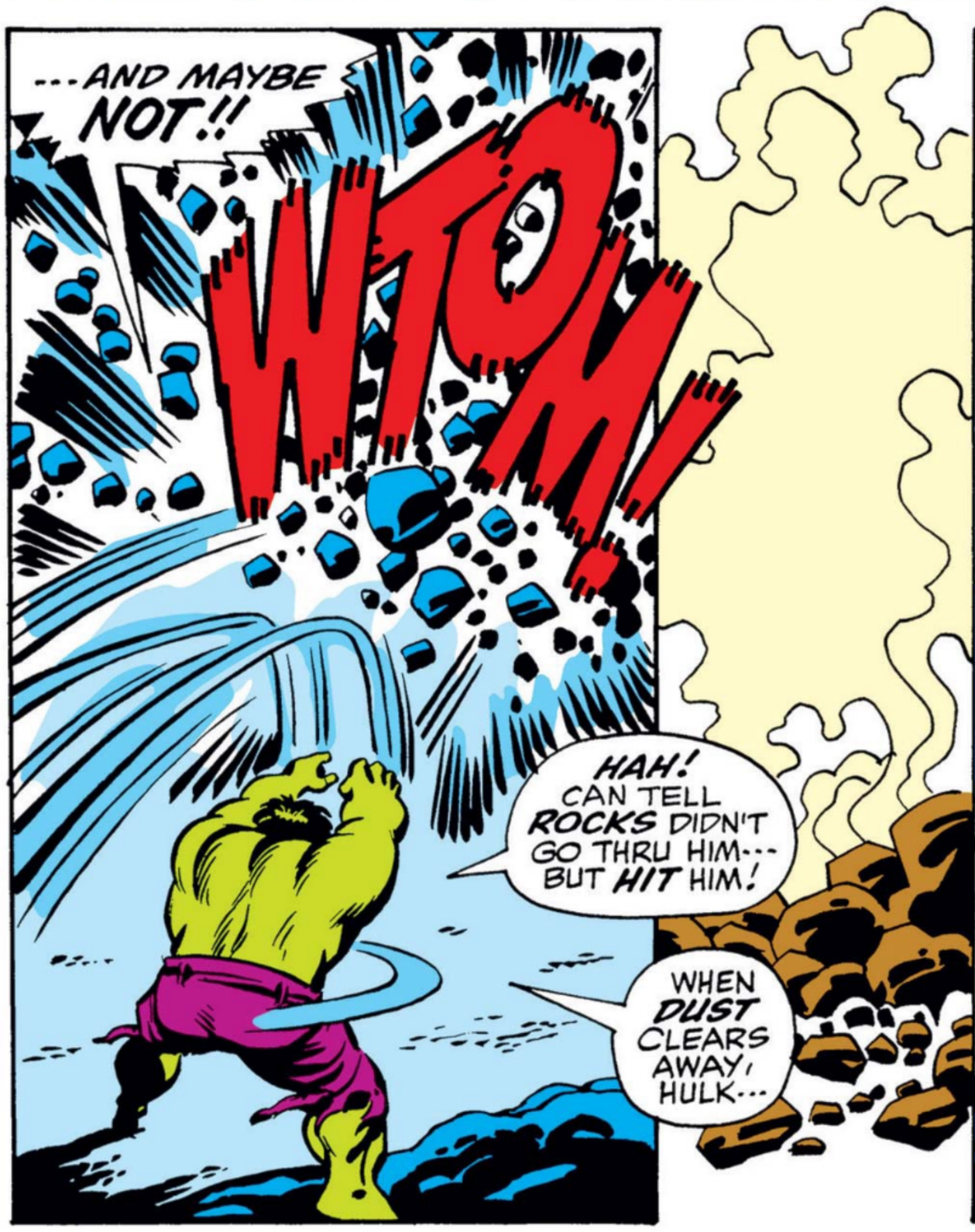
...AND MAYBE NOT!!
WHOOM!
HAH! CAN TELL ROCKS DIDN'T GO THRU HIM... BUT HIT HIM!
WHEN DUST CLEARS AWAY, HULK...

...WILL SEE THAT I STILL LIVE... IF AN ANDROID BE ADMITTED CAPABLE OF LIFE!
I SIMPLY BECAME AS HARD AS DIAMOND... TO SHOW YOU THE FULL POWERS OF THE ONE YOU FACE!
UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE ENOUGH, HULK...
HARD AS DIAMOND? BUT HULK CAN CRUSH DIAMOND... CRUSH IT INTO POWDER!
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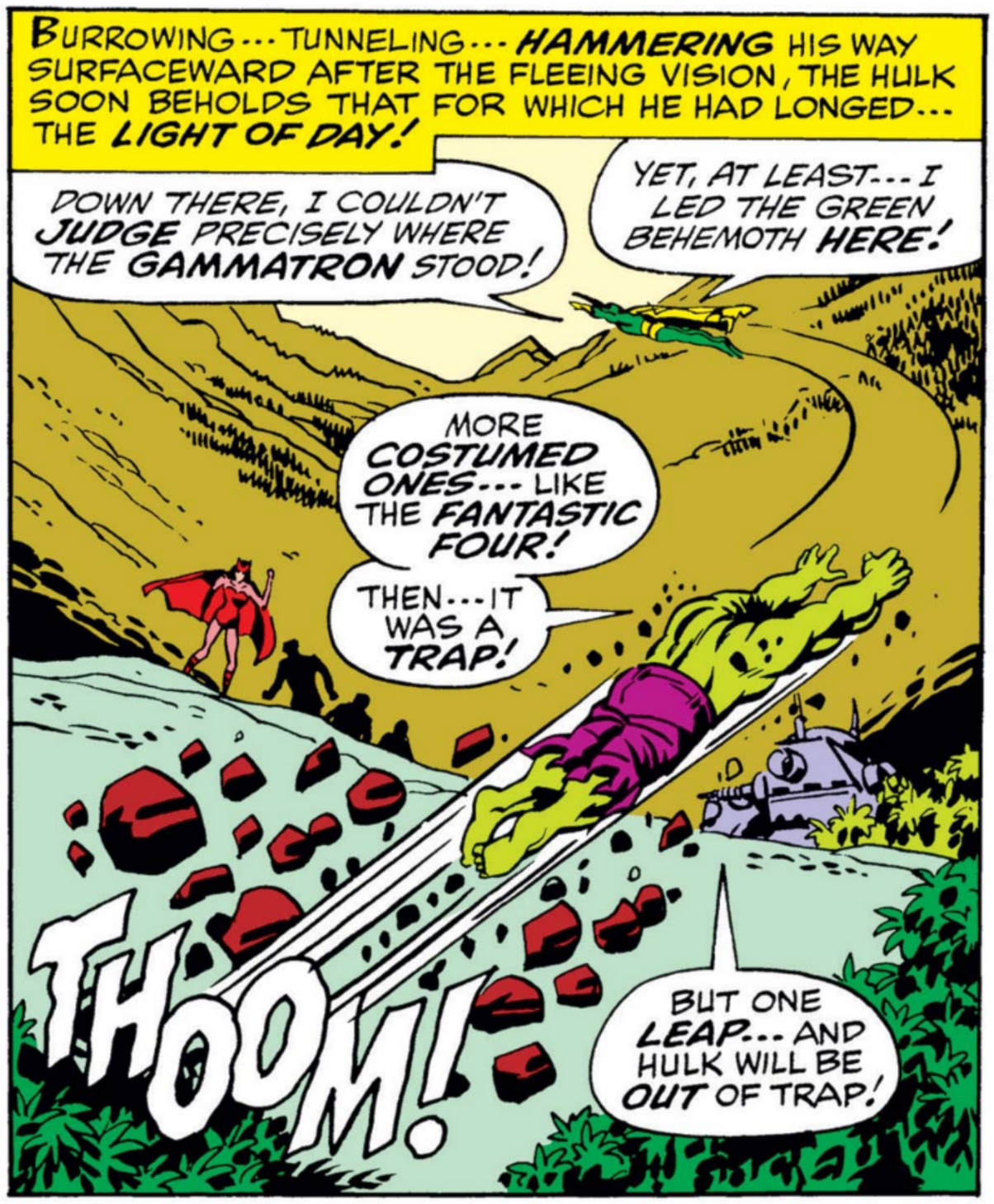
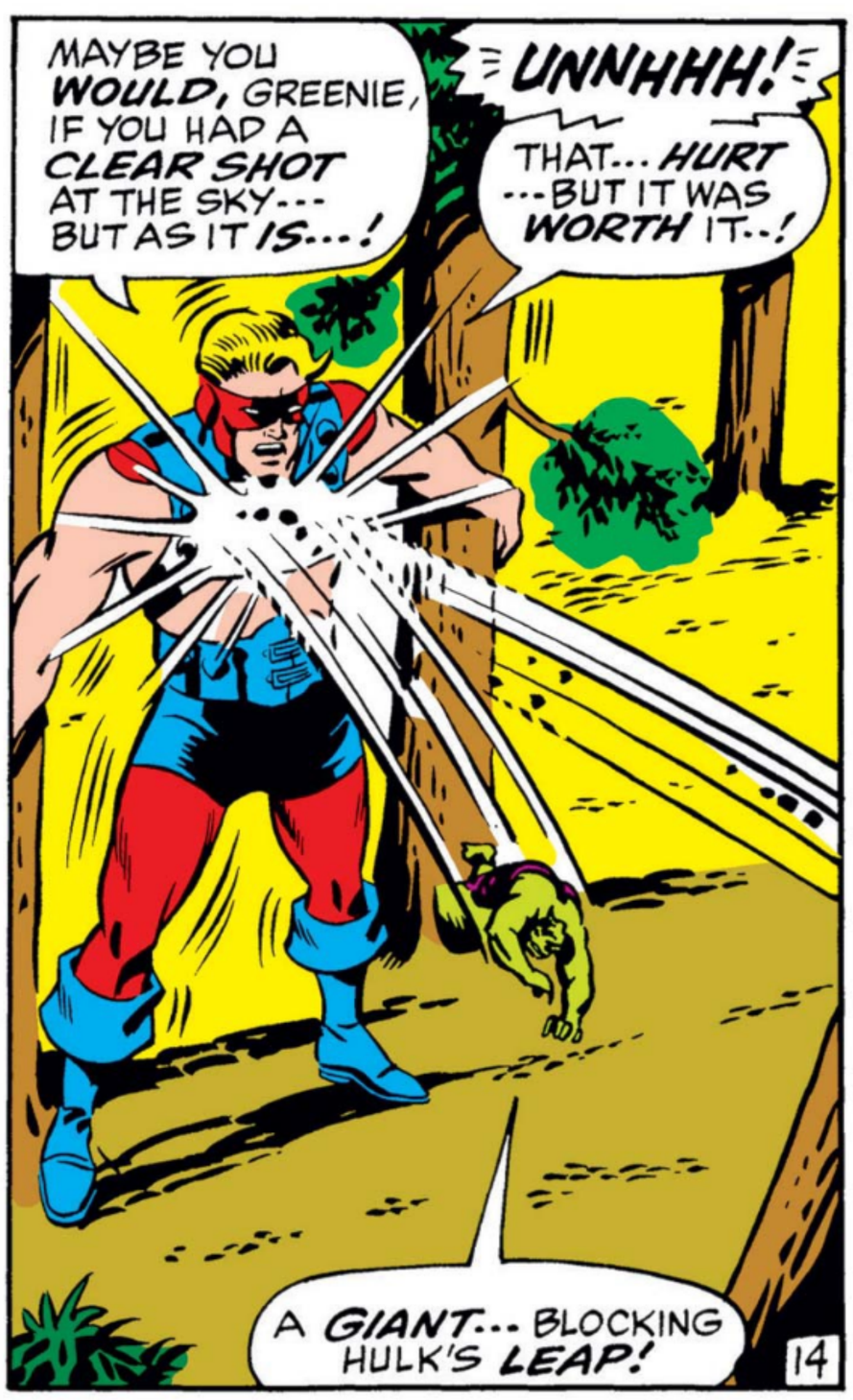
STILL, IT REQUIRES ONLY THE CONCENTRATION OF A FEW FATEFUL SECONDS---

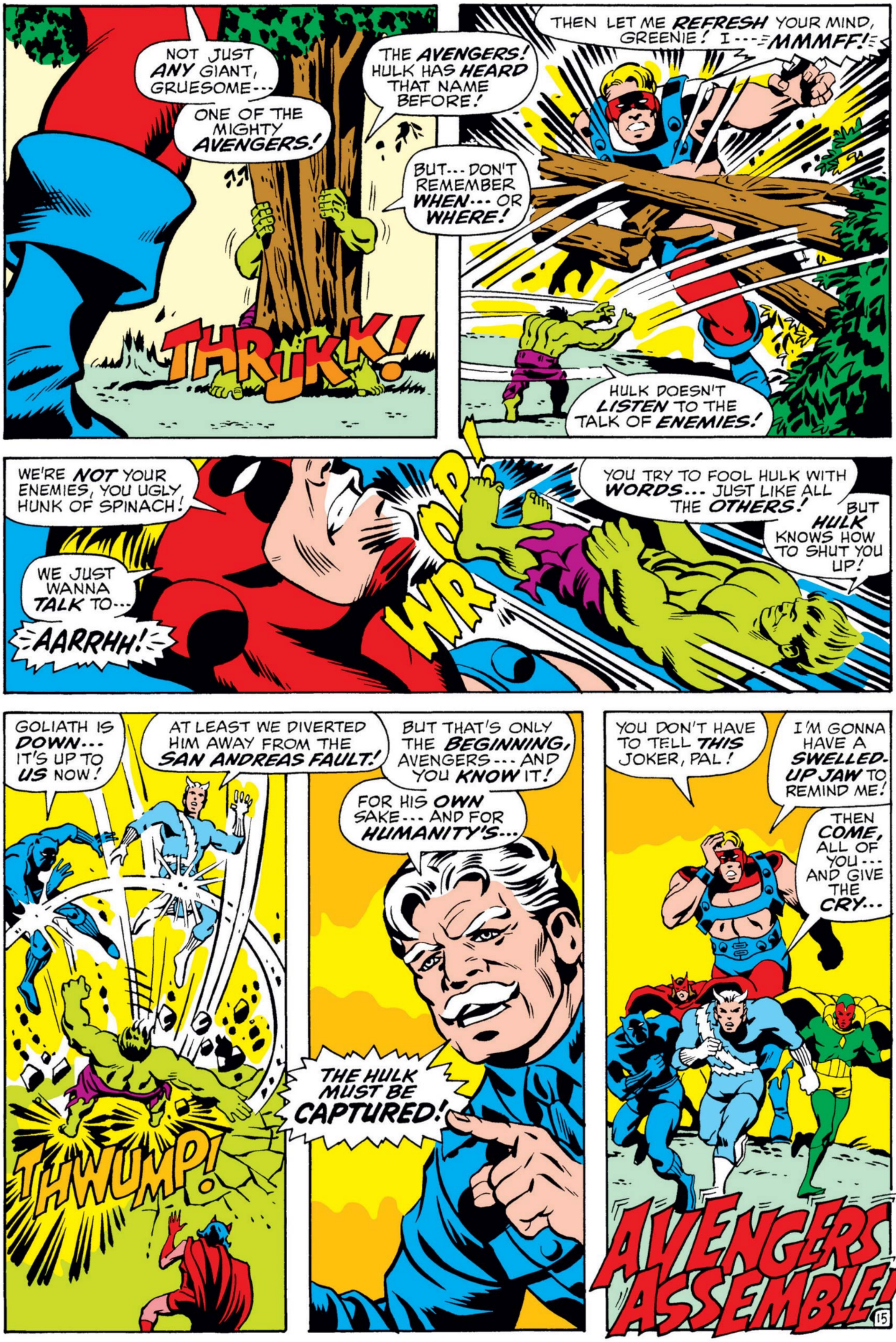
--- FOR THE VISION TO BECOME ONCE MORE THE INTANGIBLE PHANTOM---

--- AND VANISH WHERE NO MAN MAY FOLLOW!
MAYBE NO MAN CAN FOLLOW YOU INTO SOLID ROCK---

BUT HULK CAN FOLLOW ANY ONE---
---ANYWHERE!!
KRUTTCH!


BURROWING---TUNNELING---HAMMERING HIS WAY SURFACEWARD AFTER THE FLEEING VISION, THE HULK SOON BEHOLDS THAT FOR WHICH HE HAD LONGED--- THE LIGHT OF DAY!
DOWN THERE, I COULDN'T JUDGE PRECISELY WHERE THE GAMMATRON STOOD!
YET, AT LEAST---I LED THE GREEN BEHEMOTH HERE!
MORE COSTUMED ONES--- LIKE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THEN---IT WAS A TRAP!
THOOM!
BUT ONE LEAP--- AND HULK WILL BE OUT OF TRAP!


MAYBE YOU WOULD, GREENIE, IF YOU HAD A CLEAR SHOT AT THE SKY--- BUT AS IT IS---!
UNNHHH!
THAT--- HURT ---BUT IT WAS WORTH IT--!
A GIANT--- BLOCKING HULK'S LEAP!


NOT JUST ANY GIANT, GRUESOME---
ONE OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
THRUKK!
THE AVENGERS! HULK HAS HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE!
BUT--- DON'T REMEMBER WHEN--- OR WHERE!
THEN LET ME REFRESH YOUR MIND, GREENIE! I---MMMFF!
HULK DOESN'T LISTEN TO THE TALK OF ENEMIES!
WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES, YOU UGLY HUNK OF SPINACH!
WE JUST WANNA TALK TO---
AARRHH!
WROP!
YOU TRY TO FOOL HULK WITH WORDS... JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!
BUT HULK KNOWS HOW TO SHUT YOU UP!
GOLIATH IS DOWN--- IT'S UP TO US NOW!
AT LEAST WE DIVERTED HIM AWAY FROM THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT!
THWUMP!
BUT THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING, AVENGERS--- AND YOU KNOW IT!
FOR HIS OWN SAKE--- AND FOR HUMANITY'S...
THE HULK MUST BE CAPTURED!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL THIS JOKER, PAL!
I'M GONNA HAVE A SWELLED-UP JAW TO REMIND ME!
THEN COME, ALL OF YOU--- AND GIVE THE CRY...
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
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THEN, AS THE TWO MILITARY MEN CAN ONLY STAND IN STUPEFIED AWE, THE MIGHTY AVENGERS ATTACK... FIVE SUPER-POWERED STALWARTS, ARMED WITH ABILITIES FAR BEYOND THOSE OF OTHER MEN--- BATTLING FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A CLOSE-KNIT FIGHTING TEAM!
THEIR RELUCTANT TARGET... THE TERRIFYING YET TORTURED TITAN WHOM A FEARFUL MANKIND HAS NAMED ---THE INCREDIBLE HULK!!
HOLY CROW! HE'S STRONGER THAN ALL OF US PUT TOGETHER!
WE GOTTA KEEP 'IM OFF-BALANCE... TILL WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO STOMP HIM!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO--- YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT THE HULK!
NEVER!!
NOR SHALL THEY--- IF THEY RELY UPON THE HELP OF THE SCARLET WITCH!
THE AWESOME ARKON TOLD ME THAT MY POWERS WERE RESTORED... WHEN I CROSSED THE GREAT BARRIER BETWEEN OUR WORLDS!*
YET, I GESTURE AS ALWAYS IN THE PAST... AND NOTHING HAPPENS!
IS MY HEX POWER FOREVER VANISHED?
*AS SEEN IN AVENGERS #76, NOW ON SALE! --- STAN.
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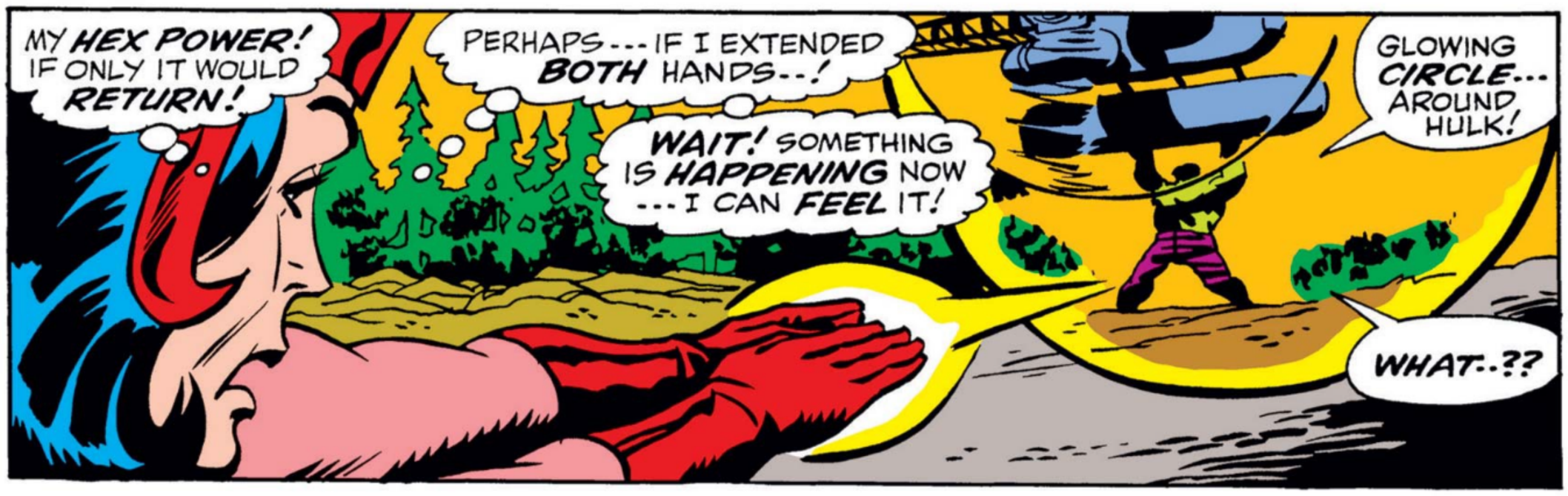
THE NEXT INSTANT, HOWEVER, THE AVENGERS HAVE MORE URGENT MATTERS TO WORRY ABOUT---
HULK IS TIRED OF FIGHTING---AND TIRED OF RUNNING!
MAYBE THIS FLYING THING WILL WIN FIGHT FOR HULK!
PIETRO! STOP HIM, BEFORE---

WIND WILL KEEP BACK AVENGERS--- SO THEY CAN'T COME NEAR HULK!
IT'S--- TOO LATE!
SWOOOSH!
AND--- WE CAN'T!!


MY HEX POWER! IF ONLY IT WOULD RETURN!
PERHAPS--- IF I EXTENDED BOTH HANDS--!
WAIT! SOMETHING IS HAPPENING NOW ---I CAN FEEL IT!
GLOWING CIRCLE--- AROUND HULK!
WHAT--??

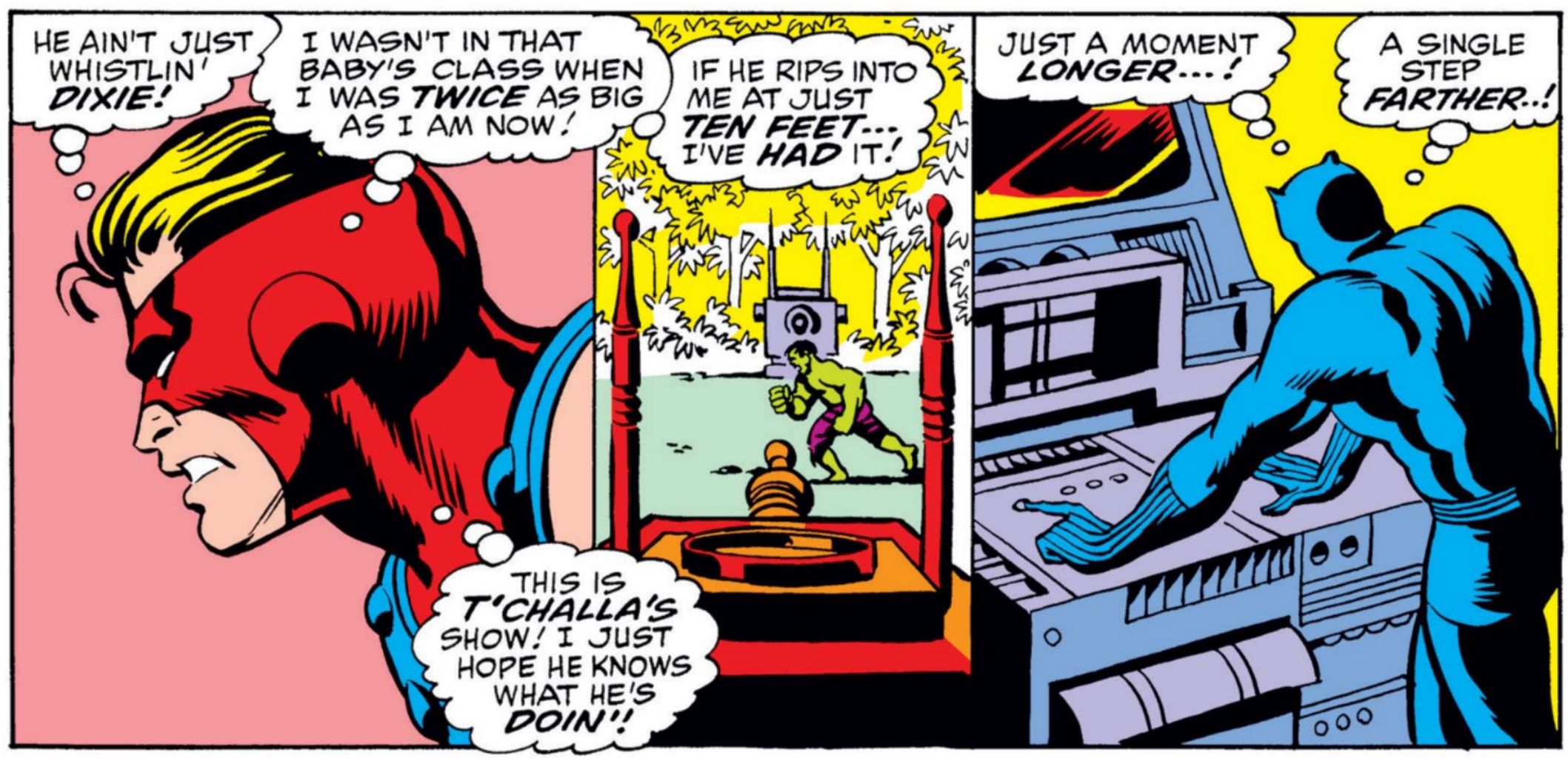
I MIGHT CALL IT--- A HEX SPHERE!
BUT, WHAT OCCURS WITHIN THAT SPHERE--- EVEN I CANNOT FULLY CONTROL!
FTOOOM!
FLYING THING--- CATCHES ON FIRE!
WHAT WENT WRONG? HULK DOESN'T KNOW--!

UHHNNN!
SWAT!
WE'LL SPELL IT OUT FOR YA, LITTLE MAN---

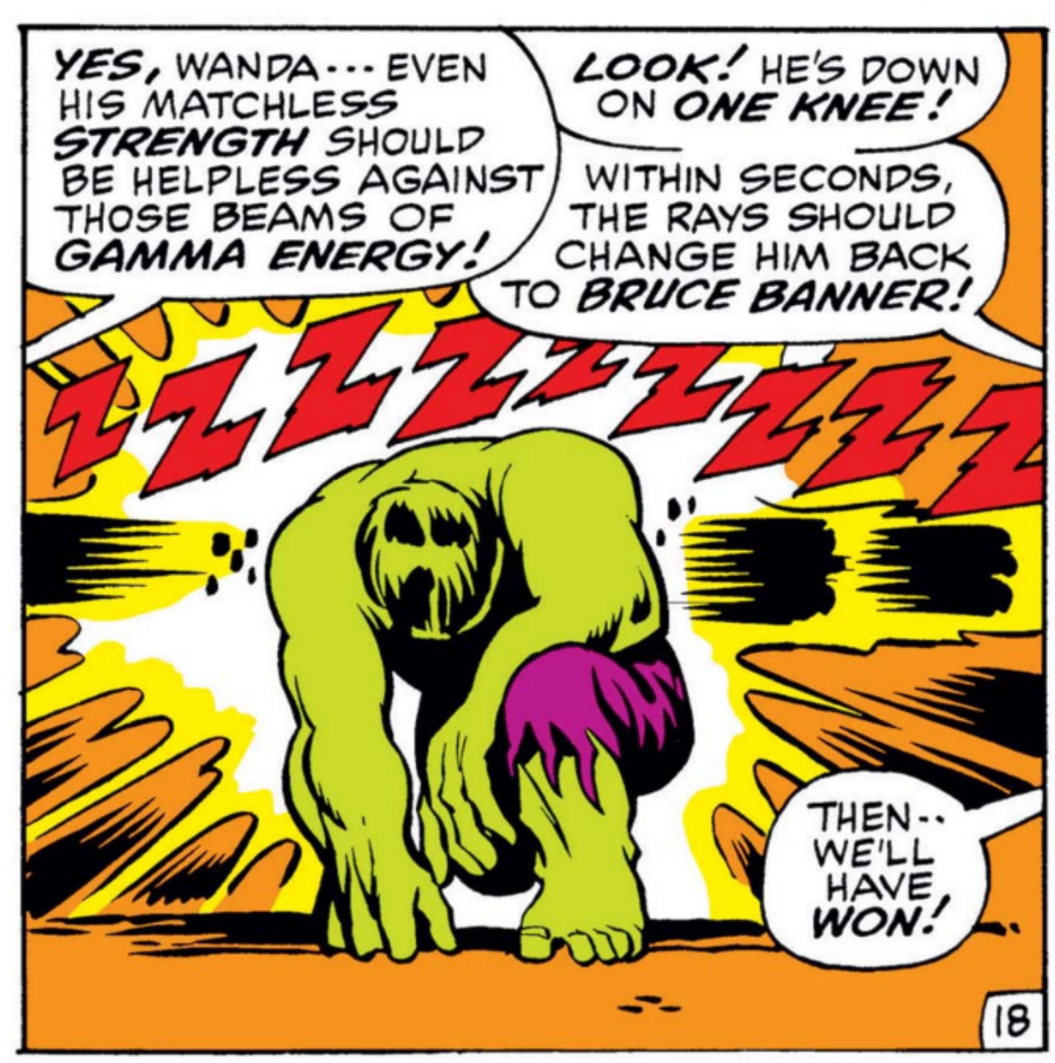
---AFTER YOU AN' ME SETTLE A LITTLE SCORE BETWEEN US!
WELL, WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR, UGLY?
I CUT MYSELF DOWN TO TEN FEET, JUST FOR THE OCCASION!
SCARED?
HULK ISN'T SCARED OF YOU--- NOT SCARED OF ANY-ONE!

GOOD! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WERE BANKIN' ON!
AN' THEN... WHAMMO!
TO GET TO ME, THAT HALLOWEEN HARRY HAS TO TROMP RIGHT BETWEEN THOSE ELECTRODES!
HURRY UP, GREENIE! I AIN'T GETTIN' ANY YOUNGER!
OR ARE YOU WAITIN' FOR ME TO TURN INTO A MIDGET FOR YA?

AGAIN YOU MAKE FUN OF HULK... MOCK HULK!
BUT...YOU DO IT FOR THE LAST TIME!


HE AIN'T JUST WHISTLIN' DIXIE!
I WASN'T IN THAT BABY'S CLASS WHEN I WAS TWICE AS BIG AS I AM NOW!
THIS IS T'CHALLA'S SHOW! I JUST HOPE HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOIN'!
IF HE RIPS INTO ME AT JUST TEN FEET... I'VE HAD IT!
JUST A MOMENT LONGER...!
A SINGLE STEP FARTHER..!

NOW!!
AARRAHH!
ZZAAKK!
YOU GOT HIM, PANTHER! THE HULK IS TRAPPED!

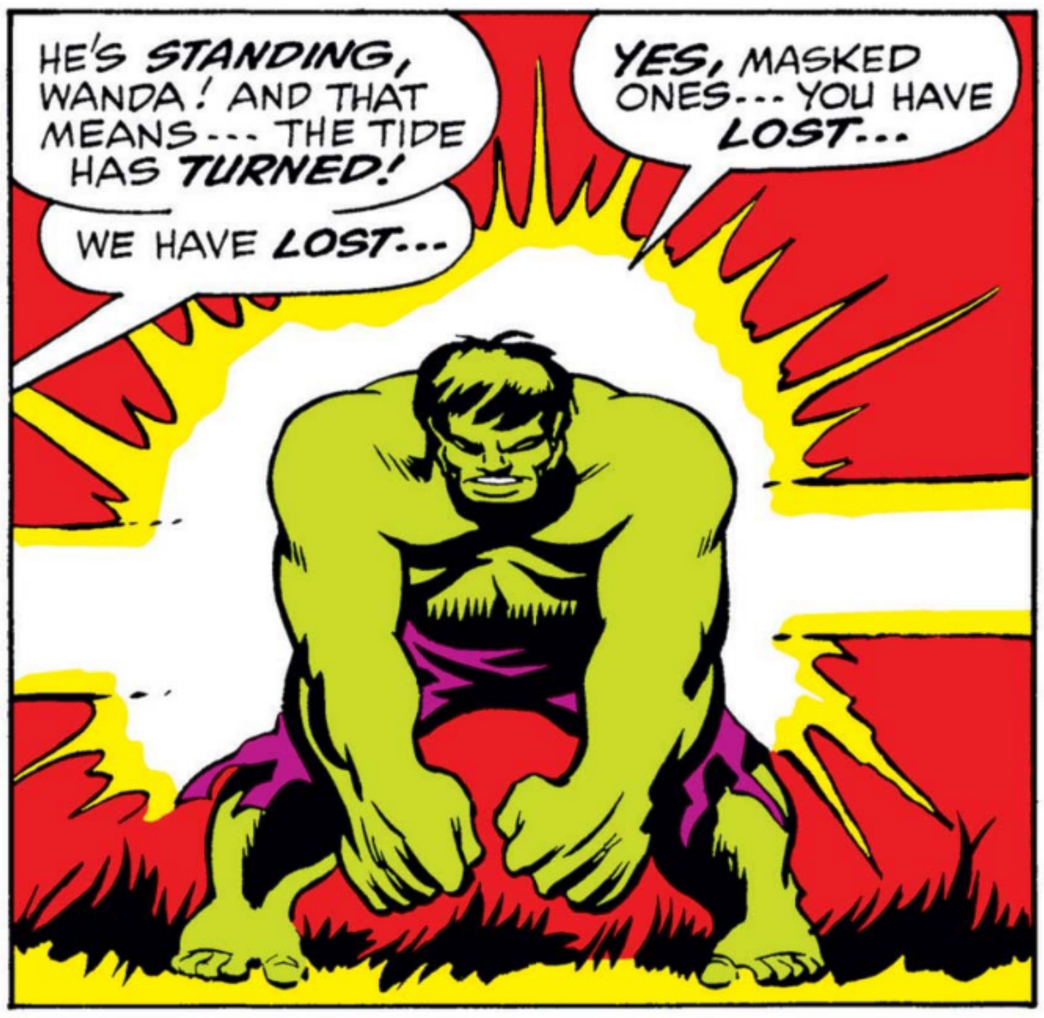

YES, WANDA... EVEN HIS MATCHLESS STRENGTH SHOULD BE HELPLESS AGAINST THOSE BEAMS OF GAMMA ENERGY!
LOOK! HE'S DOWN ON ONE KNEE!
WITHIN SECONDS, THE RAYS SHOULD CHANGE HIM BACK TO BRUCE BANNER!
ZZZZZZZZZ
THEN.. WE'LL HAVE WON!

UH OH! DON'T LOOK NOW, LADY---
BUT I GOT A HUNCH THAT MENTIONIN' BRUCE BANNER WAS A NO-NO!
BANNER! HOW---HULK HATES---THAT NAME--!

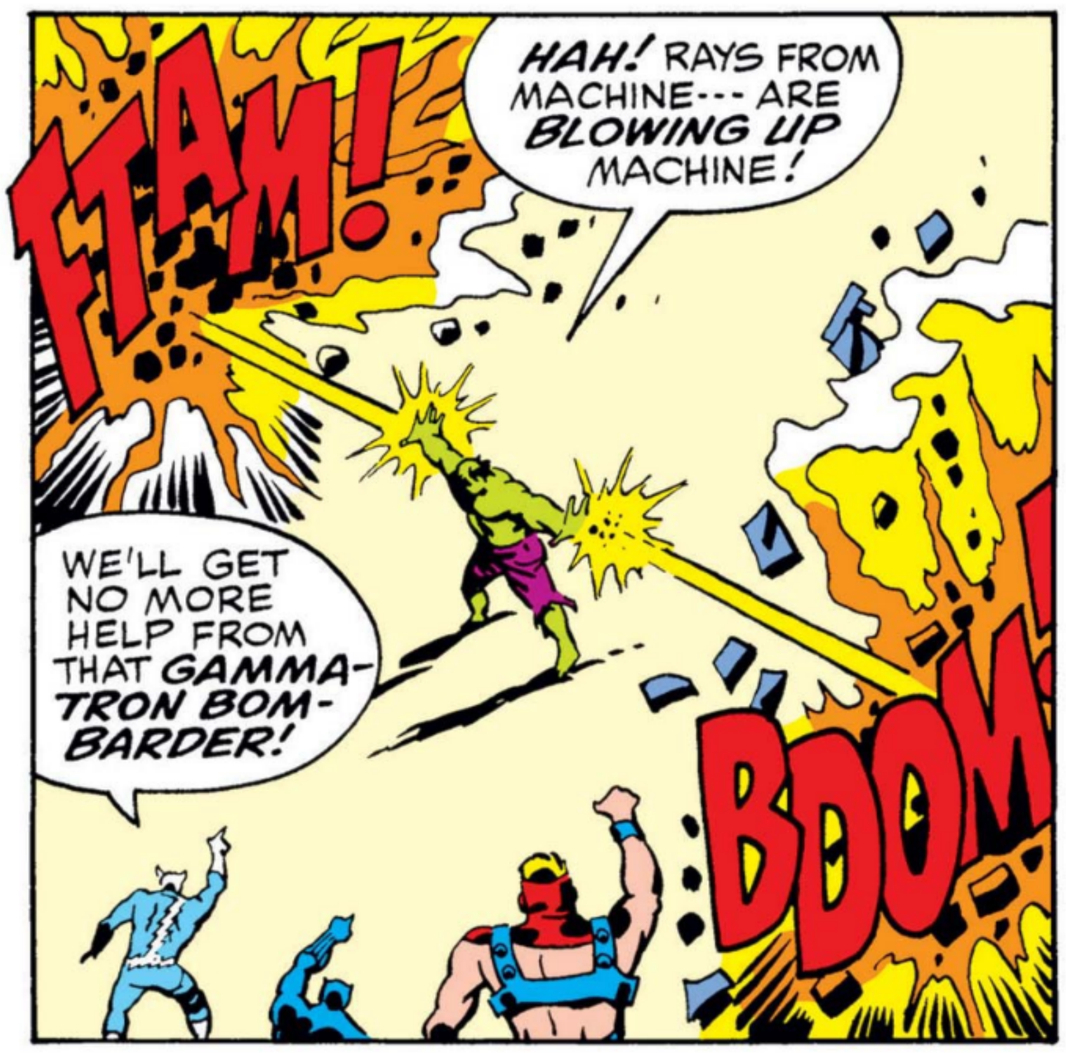
DON'T KNOW WHY--- BUT IT DRIVES HULK MAD--MAD!!
MUST BREAK FREE-- FIND BRUCE BANNER ---AND SMASH HIM---!

IT-- IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!
THE GAMMA-RADIATION ISN'T TURNING HIM INTO BANNER---AS WE THOUGHT!

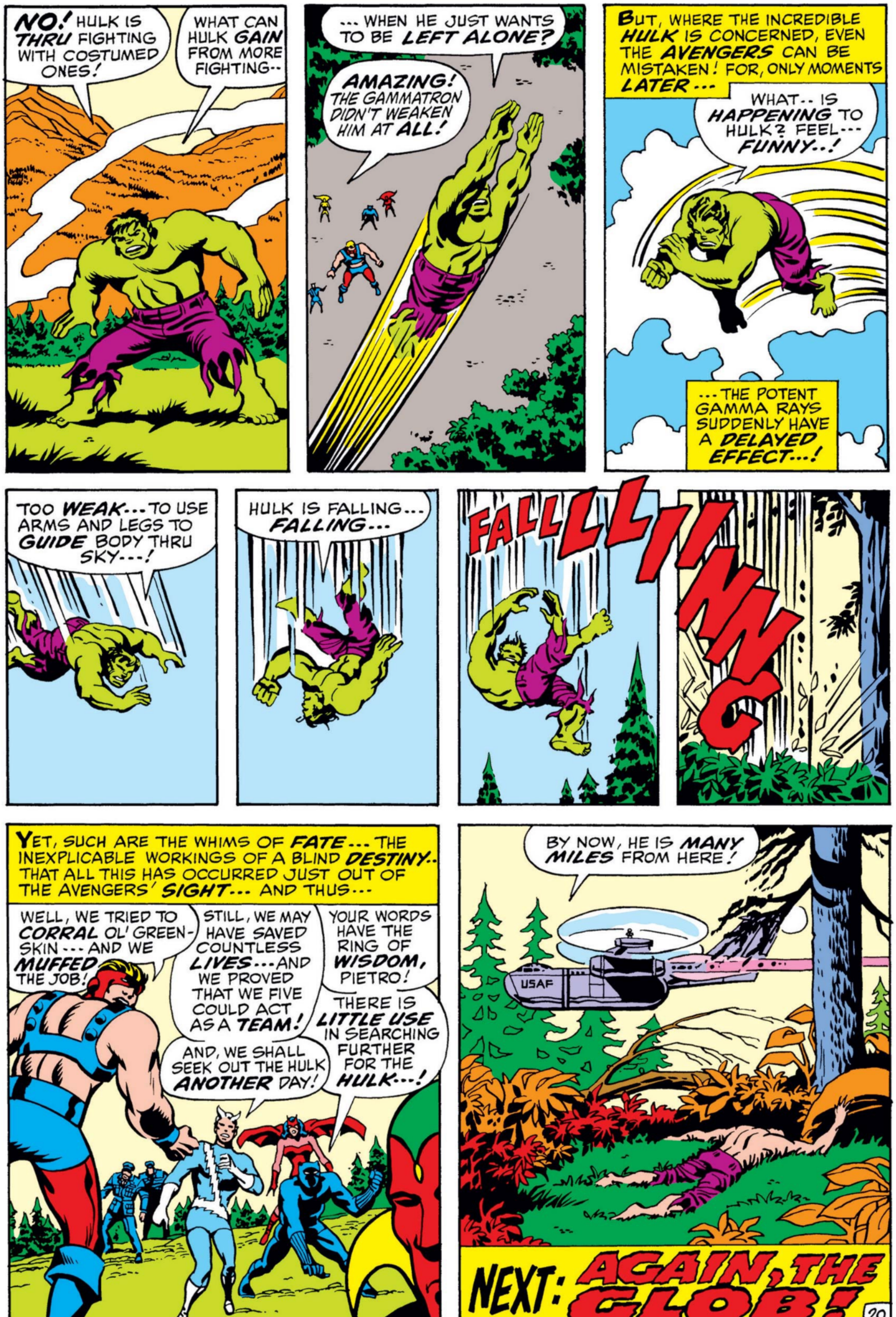
INSTEAD---THE HULK IS FIGHTING IT OFF---HE'S RISING!


HE'S STANDING, WANDA! AND THAT MEANS--- THE TIDE HAS TURNED!
WE HAVE LOST---
YES, MASKED ONES--- YOU HAVE LOST---

---AND HULK HAS WON!!


FTAM!
HAH! RAYS FROM MACHINE--- ARE BLOWING UP MACHINE!
WE'LL GET NO MORE HELP FROM THAT GAMMA-TRON BOM-BARDER!
BDOM

THEN THAT MEANS--- WE'RE IN FOR A KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT SLUG FEST!
STAND ASIDE, KIDDIES, WHILE GOLIATH DOES HIS THING!
HOLD, GIANT! I THINK THERE SHALL BE NO FIGHT!



NO! HULK IS THRU FIGHTING WITH COSTUMED ONES!
WHAT CAN HULK GAIN FROM MORE FIGHTING--
... WHEN HE JUST WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE?
AMAZING! THE GAMMATRON DIDN'T WEAKEN HIM AT ALL!
BUT, WHERE THE INCREDIBLE HULK IS CONCERNED, EVEN THE AVENGERS CAN BE MISTAKEN! FOR, ONLY MOMENTS LATER ...
WHAT-- IS HAPPENING TO HULK? FEEL--- FUNNY--!
... THE POTENT GAMMA RAYS SUDDENLY HAVE A DELAYED EFFECT...!
TOO WEAK... TO USE ARMS AND LEGS TO GUIDE BODY THRU SKY---!
HULK IS FALLING... FALLING...
FALLLLIINNG
YET, SUCH ARE THE WHIMS OF FATE... THE INEXPLICABLE WORKINGS OF A BLIND DESTINY.. THAT ALL THIS HAS OCCURRED JUST OUT OF THE AVENGERS' SIGHT... AND THUS...
WELL, WE TRIED TO CORRAL OL' GREEN-SKIN --- AND WE MUFFED THE JOB!
STILL, WE MAY HAVE SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES...AND WE PROVED THAT WE FIVE COULD ACT AS A TEAM!
AND, WE SHALL SEEK OUT THE HULK ANOTHER DAY!
YOUR WORDS HAVE THE RING OF WISDOM, PIETRO!
THERE IS LITTLE USE IN SEARCHING FURTHER FOR THE HULK...!
BY NOW, HE IS MANY MILES FROM HERE!
USAF
NEXT: AGAIN, THE GLOB!
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